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### OUR WORKERS BOOST THE WAR OUTPUT TO FOUR TIMES

Workers on the aircraft assembly lines, in the shipyards, and on every sector of the production front have boosted production of war equipment 400 per cent since Pearl Harbor, WPB Chief Donald Nelson disclosed this week in reporting on September's war production.

In that month, he disclosed, airplane output went up 10 per cent, ordnance 7 per cent, naval and army vessels 22 per cent, and merchant ships 10 per cent. However, he added, "production of miscellaneous munitions, which includes all items not covered by the 4 major categories, remained steady in September. Motor vehicles, clothing and medical supplies comprise a large part of miscellaneous munitions, and output of some of these items is now tapering off, because large supplies have been produced." The problem of raising propeller production is one that must be solved rapidly if aircraft output is not to be impeded, Nelson disclosed. "Plane construction," he said, "may increase in the months ahead more rapidly than propeller production, unless propeller output can be greatly increased. Thus far, however, enough propellers have been made to fly all planes.

"Mass production methods have been greatly improved; many engineering difficulties have been overcome; skills of new workers are being improved and training is preceding well. "Some plants that have come into production recently are making an exceptionally good showing—much better than early experiences had led us to anticipate. And the number of months in which these plants were under construction before they turned out a plane was much less than the time taken to construct and bring into operation the first new plants in the war effort."

### DONNELLEY'S SOWED THE WIND, AND IS NOW REAPING WHIRLWIND 1,650 LABOR-MGT. COMMITTEES NIT

PRINTING CONCERN THAT USED TO BAR "THE MAN PAST 40" CAN'T HIRE HELP AT ANY AGE NOW

The Chicago Lakeside Press plant of R. R. Donnelley & Sons Company, largest nonunion printing concern remaining in the United States, is now confronted with more "labor difficulty" than it has had in the 37 years since it locked out its union help to defeat the 8-hour day and establish the so-called "open shop."

Interesting sidelights in Donnelley labor policy are given by the Chicago Printing Trades Unions (608 S. Dearborn St., Chicago), the organization which is coordinating the nation-wide drive of the International Printing Trades Unions against the anti-union printing concern.

The Donnelley employment department has, ever since 1905, put an "accent on youth," with the result that the average age of the 5,000-odd employees was held down to 31 years. Having sown the whirlwind, the company is now reaping the whirlwind. Hundreds upon hundreds of the skilled workers have been inducted into the armed forces through Selective Service. Other hundreds upon hundreds, dissatisfied with low wages and slavish working conditions, have checked out of the plant and obtained jobs in unionized defense plants at better wages and with better working conditions.

### GREEN PRAISES NAVY'S "CHANGED ATTITUDE" REGARDING LABOR

American unionists now find "high ranking officials of the Navy eager to talk things over with the representatives of labor," AFL President William Green declared in a radio address last week.

Navy chiefs, he declared, are anxious to bring about harmony and are "quite willing to give open recognition to the achievements of the nation's workers in furtherance of the Navy's war effort. These achievements to date have been considerable.

"The largest warships are being launched many months ahead of schedule. Destroyers are now being built in six months' less time than formerly. Warships damaged in battles with the enemy are being repaired with miraculous speed. This is the kind of service the Navy needs and demands in order to win.

"But I'll promise you one thing—that all the accomplishments of the past will pale by comparison with what labor is going to achieve in the months to come with the friendly support and cooperative encouragement of the Navy. Speaking for the six million workers of the American Federation of Labor, I say they want to be recognized as shipmates of the men in the Navy.

"Teamed together, they will most certainly wipe the seas clear of the enemy."

### They Must "Grow Old" in South Car. Journal Writer Visits "Down There!" Labor "Pays Respects" To Governor; Workers On Job For Thanksgiving

BY J. A. MOORE

I am writing this letter from a section of South Carolina where the Sun rises and sets between here and Town. As I came down the road a few miles before I stopped, I met a man who was crying. I asked him what was wrong? He said, Father slapped me. I asked him why he did it, he said because "I sassed Grandpa." Then in my most sympathetic manner I tried to console him. During the conversation that followed I asked him how old are you? He answered, "I am only ninety-five next December." That is why I came down here for a few days, believing that if the natives lived to be old enough for their ninety-five-year-old grandsons to sass them, I might at least add one year to my days by staying a few days in their "MONGST."

A funny thing about these people down here, they have heard about Organized Labor all their lives, and they call it, or us, anything, even in some cases, Co-operative Labor, yet they have the highest regard for us, in all cases, whether it be something in which we are concerned or not, they ask the question, what is Labor going to do about it? This just shows the respect they have for the judgment of our leaders.

What has gone wrong with our Governor? I remember when he was a very prominent member of the BAR ASSOCIATION? (Lawyers Union) in Raleigh, N. C. he must have continued his membership until he was elected Governor of the State, or he wouldn't have had the support of all the Lawyers in the State in his campaign for the Governorship that he had, I am sure that if he had been in arrears with his dues he could not have tried many cases in the Courts of North Carolina and, I very definitely remember when he attended one convention of the North Carolina Federation of Labor... He bragged that he once had worked in a Union Shop, now he is opposed to the payment of Union Dues! Why is this? Does he not intend to return to the practice of Law when he leaves the Governor's Mansion?

Before this reaches the eyes of the readers of the Charlotte Labor Journal, Labor will have demonstrated that we are willing to forgo the Thanksgiving Holiday, and that work has gone on as usual, only those that are employed in non-essential industry will have taken a day for Thanksgiving. This is further evidence that Labor is vitally interested in the outcome of the war. We are "shooting the works" and will continue to until Old Glory waves over all the land that it has once waved so proudly. The Central Labor Union has called off the Meeting for the week, but Labor is carrying on. President J. A. Scoggins will put in just as many hours as usual on the Ration Board; Lon Conder will put in his hours on the job at Hoffman, N. C.; Hill Kiser will be at the Rubber Plant; C. R. Meacham and J. S. Barrow will be picking up new and used automobile tires, and all the recognized leaders in the Movement WILL CARRY ON AS USUAL. We are out to win the war and may God have mercy on the Souls of those that oppose our old "Uncle Samuel."

The lady of whom I asked the question about in last week's paper was none other than Mrs. Wm. M. Witter. When I got acquainted with some of our Ladies in other lines of organized labor I shall attempt to say something about them and I am right this very minute pleading with their old men to get on the labor wagon with them. Let's put it over, and to the delegates that were absent at last meeting of the Central Labor Union I can only say that if your wife asks me if you were present I will tell a LIE for you one time, but watch the future, for I only tell the same lie one time.

Thanksgiving will not mean a holiday for the Labor Journal, so let's read it. If you are not a subscriber just call me and I will see that your name is placed on the mailing list.

### THREE MILLION WORKERS SPEED WAR PRODUCTION THROUGH THE 1,650 LABOR-MANAGEMENT COM.

More than 3,200,000 workers are giving their brainpower to the job of boosting war production through over 1,650 labor-management committees, Government reports disclosed this week.

Huge increases in output have been reported to War Production Drive Headquarters, since the opening of the drive to build union-employer councils in every war plant. In addition, there have been hundreds of reports on successful salvage drives; on the elimination of waste; on the speeding up of operations; on the substitution of readily available materials for scarce items; on improvement of production; and on the reduction of absenteeism. America's unions have led in calling for establishment of active labor-management committees. War Production Drive Headquarters cited the following recent report as typical:

A survey of the die casting industry showed that there were labor-management committees in plants having 23 per cent of the industry's capacity; and those plants produced 38.1 per cent of its output.

### ORGANIZED LABOR HELPS MAKE "COLUMBIA THE GEM OF 7 OCEANS"

SHIPS AND MORE SHIPS—from California to Boston—from Wilmington to Oregon—from the Great Lakes to the Gulf—Organized Labor is making ships for America. Liberty Ships, PT Boats—Cruisers, Cargo Ships, Oilers, Tankers, Submarines, and Aircraft Carriers. Let the wily ones whisper about union labor—they will crawl into a hole some day to try and hide. That day will come when the Japs and the Nazis give up and it is possible to tell the full story of American ship production which made our country the Mistress of the Seven Oceans—that story of union labor production will be the most amazing in the annals of all human endeavor from the very beginning of history.

### FARM PROFITS EXCEED FARM WAGE RAISES

Increasing costs on the farm can be met through increased profits, according to a recent agricultural survey. Figures showed that farm wages have gone up 65 per cent, production costs 40 per cent, gross income 73 per cent, and net income 112 per cent.

### FOOD PRICES JUMPED 2.4 Pct. SEPT. 15 - OCT. 13

The cost of food for the average family rose 2.4 per cent between Sept. 15 and Oct. 13, Secretary of Labor Perkins reported this week. Most of this rise occurred during the latter part of September and early October, prior to the OPA action Oct. 6 bringing under price control an additional 30 per cent of the family food bill.

At the higher mid-October levels, foods in retail grocery stores were selling 6.6 per cent above the level of mid-May and 16 per cent higher than a year ago in October.

The increase during the month was nationwide, affecting all of the 51 cities surveyed.

### AFL Hits WPB Threat Against Labor Press

WASHINGTON.—Publishers of labor papers throughout the country are protesting War Production Chief Donald Nelson's discrimination against them in his Newspaper Industry Advisory Committee, the AFL News Service said.

On the committee, the Nov. 3 issue says, labor and farm press are not represented. "On the contrary, it is made up largely of bitter foes of unions," it says.

If the committee's recommendation is accepted and newsprint "frozen" and consumption cut drastically, large publishers could reduce the number of their pages, but it would result in a "body blow" to the labor press, the AFL says. With labor papers that print only four pages, it goes on, "this solution would not be possible... They will be forced to sacrifice" readers.

### DEMAND THE UNION LABEL

Label in your hat? Label in your shoes? Label in your clothes? Label on your printing? Union barber shave you? Union carpenter build your house? Union painter paint it? Union bricklayer put the foundation under it and the pillars in front of it? Union plumber fit out your sanitary equipment?



## BUY Bonds NOW

### Rationing Dates For Consumers

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—A check-list of rationing dates for consumers was issued today by the Office of Price Administration. It read in summary:

#### GASOLINE

Dec. 1—Nation-wide rationing effective. Passenger-car tire inspections begin.  
Dec. 12—Illegal for motorists to drive after this date if they have not registered and received inspection records.

#### COFFEE

Nov. 22-28, inclusive—Retail sales halted. Only restaurants, hotels and other institutional users who

have purchase certificates and the armed services may buy coffee.  
Nov. 29—Sales begin under rationing.

#### FUEL OIL

Nov. 30—Purchase of fuel oil without ration coupons extended to this date.

About Dec. 1 (depending on locality)—Current fuel-oil heating period ends. Coupons for this period are valid until Dec. 13 to 19 in some zones.

### APPRECIATE AMERICA



### Notice To Our Readers and Advertisers

Due to war conditions, now prevailing, The Labor Journal will not adhere to its rule of issuing one large Christmas edition, this year, but break it up into four issues, beginning with the issue of December 3rd. This will prove, after all, of benefit to our regular advertisers and the individuals and concerns wishing their friends in the Labor movement the season's greetings through its columns.

W. M. WITTER, Publisher.

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

### Free Labor Will Out- Produce Nazi Slaves