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A MESSAGE FOR 1943 FROM GEORGE L. GOOGE, SOU. REPRESENTATIVE A.F.L.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS,
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR UNIONS
OF THE SOUTHEASTERN STATES

GREETINGS:

Heretofore it has been customary for me to extend the season's greetings at this time of the year, and express my sincere wish for a prosperous New Year for all of our members. For obvious reasons, I cannot bring myself to the customary usage of wishing for a prosperous New Year upon this occasion. Instead, I express my sincere wish for a New Year that will bring peace to the peoples of the world and a victory for our beloved country and her allies that will make this peace a reality.

The monumental task facing the membership of the American Federation of Labor in 1943 is so great that it would be appalling were it not for the fact that the members of the American Federation of Labor are so inherently and impulsively patriotic, and so thoroughly devoted to democratic ideals and love of freedom, that the task of preserving these things diminishes in size and loses much of its terrors.

We of the South have experienced dictatorship in years gone by; we have experienced chattel slavery as a legalized institution; we have lived in economic and industrial servitude. Chattel slavery was destroyed three quarters of a century ago, and is now but a memory; economic and industrial servitude has been almost eliminated in this great Southland of ours through the activities of the American Federation of Labor.

It is because labor in the South wants no semblance of slavery or servitude in any form that it so unanimously supports our war efforts to prevent a dictatorship supplanting our democratic processes.

Labor throughout the country and especially in the South, has demonstrated during the first year of the war its loyalty, its ability and its determination to win this war. We shall be called upon to do more in 1943, and can be depended upon to do still more, in our great country's efforts to preserve our ideals and our freedom.

None of us can foretell what 1943 will bring to us. All of us know, however, that our best interest can be served and our nation's security best protected through our organized effort, and I am pleading with all members of our groups not only to remain steadfast in their Local and State organizations, but to work as never before in bringing still other workers into their proper groups in the family of the American Federation of Labor. I trust that as many Local Unions and Central Bodies as possible throughout our entire Southland will send representatives to the great Southern War Labor Conference to be held in Atlanta on January 16 and 17, at which time our city, state and national leaders will diligently plan for the best and most effective way of so serving our nation that our democracy will be preserved and our continued freedom and liberty assured.

Thanking each and everyone of you personally for your splendid support of our ideals in the past, and praying for an early victory and peace and family reunions, I am

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
GEORGE L. GOOGE,
Southern Representative
American Federation of Labor.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

I met a man at the edge of the road. And I asked him for a light so that I may know the way. He told me to put my faith in God, then, I'll not need a light, nor will I need to know the way.

A SINCERE WISH FOR VICTORY AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO
OUR FRIENDS, SUBSCRIBERS AND
ADVERTISERS FOR 1943.

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A NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM A. F. OF L. PRESIDENT WM. GREEN, SETS GOAL FOR 1943 VICTORY

By WILLIAM GREEN

President, American Federation of Labor

Let our goal be victory in 1943!

As we face the New Year with high resolve, let us all join in a united determination to let nothing stop us in working and fighting for the attainment of that goal in the months ahead. I know that the hearts and minds of American workers are resolved on bringing this war to a speedy and victorious finish by surpassing all previous records for production.

Our millions of boys in uniform are ready to give their lives, if necessary, to destroy our enemies—the enemies of freedom and human decency. In like spirit, those on the home front will cheerfully assume in the New Year such additional sacrifices as they may be called upon to bear in order to help our fighting forces and speed the day of victory.

This past year has been one of suffering and turmoil for the American people, as our nation mobilized its full strength for combat on the fighting fronts. But, compared with the people of other lands, we have thus far been spared the worst effect of war. And instead of being weakened by the drain of war requirements, our nation has been strengthened morally and physically by the supreme call to service. We are united as never before against the enemy's challenge to our way of life. Labor and management, working together in a cooperative spirit, are accomplishing miracles of production. In the year ahead, labor and industry will back up our men on the fighting fronts with the greatest output of planes, tanks, ships and guns the world has ever seen.

For this reason and because of the demonstrated superiority of our fighting men in battles against the enemy on land and sea, it is not optimism but common-sense to look for a decided swing in our favor in the fortunes of war during the coming year.

America and her Allies are now on the offensive. We are determined never to halt until the hateful and intolerant forces opposed to us are crushed for all time.

So let us look forward now to that glorious victory—a victory which must bring lasting peace in its wake and provide opportunity in our own land and all over the world for an era of social and economic and political advances which will wipe out the disgraceful oppression and cruelty of man toward man in past years.

In that spirit, I extend to America's soldiers, sailors and marines, her production soldiers and her vast army of patriotic and cooperative citizens, best wishes for a happy and victorious New Year.

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MR. WESTBROOK PEGLER SPOILS NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

The way NOT to begin a New Year is to hold a grudge or be mad at anyone, but Westbrook Pegler declares no "armistice" in his daily stint of acrimony, slander, distrust and hatred, so it is only fair that he be answered in kind whenever the occasion presents itself.

For the year 1942, we kept count of Mr. Pegler's effort to become America's "Horst Wessel" (it also goes for the way it sounds, too), and while we did not think to begin this score until the year was well on its way, we believe that the proportion is fairly accurate and a closer check-up would not find us more than "an attack" or two out of the way. Here is the box score of Mr. Pegler's crusade for 1942: with the qualification stated:

For the year 1943 we will keep a more accurate account, still on second thought, we think we will just forget the whole thing.

Attacked Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.....	34 times
Attacked President Roosevelt.....	7 times
Attacked American Federation of Labor.....	61 times
Attacked the C. I. O.....	22 times
Attacked Charlie Chaplin.....	3 times
Attacked Italians in America.....	7 times
Attacked ALL other foreign born in U. S. A.....	11 times
Attacked Wendell Willkie.....	5 times
Attacked Russia, our ally.....	19 times
Attacked HITLER.....	2 times
CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS YEARS:	
Condemned lynching.....	2 times

"MIEUX HITLER QUE BLUM," that is French and was the watchword of the French "Westbrook Pegler" before France fell. It means "Better Hitler than Blum." (Liberal Premier of France) . . . Our Westbrook Pegler says in effect, "BETTE RHITLER THAN THE A. F. OF L.—Mrs. Roosevelt, Wendell Willkie, a Russian Victory, etc."

McNUTT CHAMPIONS LABOR'S EFFORT FOR VICTORY IN AN ANSWER TO SENATOR BAILEY

In a reply to a letter from our own Senator Josiah Bailey, Manpower Commissioner McNutt has warned that "it is unfair to condemn the whole labor movement because of occasional abuses," and has formally challenged union critics to henceforth submit evidence (not vituperation) to the commission.

McNutt issued the full text of his correspondence with Senator Bailey, after our Senator has issued excerpts from his own letters to McNutt.

Senator Bailey had written that he had received protests over "the activities of organized labor in demanding payment of initiation fees" on war projects. Workers were being forced to join unions "against their will," Bailey asserted.

In response McNutt wrote: "I find that generally speaking, local and international labor organizations restrict their fees and dues to reasonable and frequently nominal sums which cannot properly be regarded as in excess of a fair contribution which the worker should make to an organization devoted to his interests."

Labor Baiting By Big Dailies Necessitates Better Support Of Nation's Labor Press

Authorized by the American Federation of Labor's 22nd annual convention in Toronto, Canada recently, President William Green will soon appoint a special committee to explore ways and means "by which further assistance can be extended to the labor press and which would report its findings to the executive council."

Asserting that the one field of expression which is wholly friendly to and cooperative with labor is the bona fide press, the resolutions committee urged the convention to give more than a perfunctory vote of thanks to the labor press for the way in which it has rallied to labor's cause and fought labor's battles during the past year.

Appropriately enough the committee leveled sharp criticism at the prejudiced commercial press when it said:

"Through the news columns of the daily press, through syndicated articles of hostile columnists, through newspaper advertisements, magazine articles and books, and even over the radio, the anti-labor poison is spread."

In addition the convention also commended the efforts of the publicity and information service of the AFL and referred to the executive council without recommendation a proposal of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union that the AFL establish a new public relations department.

A 1943 MESSAGE TO LABOR

By FRANCES PERKINS

Nineteen forty-three will demand toil and sacrifice from all of us so that our American way of life may be preserved, our American institutions safeguarded and freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of religion, freedom of assembly and equal justice to all be maintained as a noble heritage and as a sacred trust.

That toil and that sacrifice will be gladly given by the workers of these United States. They will continue to carry on successfully the task of providing the materials and weapons needed by our Army and Navy on many fighting fronts.

The skill, the high efficiency and the great speed of America's working men and women and the cooperation between them and management will do the job and do it thoroughly for the preservation of American lives and homes and to contribute in full measure to the ultimate and complete victory of the United Nations.

FREE LABOR WILL WIN

MOORE LOOKS WITH CONFIDENCE INTO THE FUTURE OF LABOR- MANAGEMENT PROSPERITY

By J. A. MOORE

There never has been a time in the history of mankind when workers were in greater need of organization than right now.

At the age of six, when children enter school, they work under school organization and continue to do so until they finish college. At the end of their college course, when they enter some business or profession, whether it be lawyer, doctor, merchant, or manufacturer, they are still connected with some organization.

It was the organized labor movement that formulated and established the doctrine of high wages, which is now accepted as essential to sustained prosperity. It was the organized labor movement that initiated the shorter work day and work week and urged them as superior economic policies. It was the organized labor movement that demonstrated that production in accord with standards of human welfare is good business. It is the organized labor movement that is demonstrating how practical it is for management and workers to have a real partnership in work of industry. The trade union movement furnishes workers an opportunity for growth through work; it is a dynamic educational institution as incapable of limitation as life itself.

Militant psychology on the part of some employers has been a menace to industrial peace and progress. Both management and workers can join together for the great objective of industrial peace, and they should be free to do so.

The principles and policies of the American Federation of Labor are sound; they have been formulated by men possessing knowledge gained through many years of practical experience in trade-union affairs, men who have actually worked at their trades and know the needs of those who toil.

Yet, there are men today, many of them never having worked at a trade who profess to be deeply interested in the welfare of the wage-earners, who openly state that the policies of the American Federation of Labor and its affiliated National and International Unions are all wrong; that they are obsolete and wholly impractical and do not meet the needs of the workers today. These same people characterize the officers of the whole trade-union movement as reactionary and autocratic.

What do these gentlemen propose to do for these wage earners? What have they done at any time to bring the wage level of those among us who toil up to the level in other States of the Union? What have they done to reduce the necessity of joining a union? Nothing.

Conscious of all the needs of the toiler the American Federation of Labor is working wholeheartedly to meet them, the Federation has no magic wand by the waving of which all evils confronting labor can be eliminated, but it does possess a knowledge of the remedies necessary and is using every practical means at its command to correct these evils.

The American Federation of Labor can point with pardonable pride to its achievements in the way of establishing better working conditions, higher wages, and shorter work day for its members than can any other labor movement in the world. There is not another country on earth where the working man's standard of living will even remotely compare with this country's, but the labor movement is not satisfied to rest upon this record. It will continue progressively onward toward the establishment of complete industrial justice for toiling masses in America. That we have far to go before this goal is reached cannot be denied. We know no short cuts, however, the day of arrival could be hastened, if those who profess to be so profoundly interested in the welfare of the wage-earner would cease their criticism of the policies of the labor unions, cease lending aid and comfort to those that openly oppose us, and throw their wholehearted influence and support in the work of bringing unorganized workers into the Unions under the banner of the American Federation of Labor. Co-operation in this manner seems to us the most important thing anyone can give if he possesses a sincere desire to be helpful in aiding the American worker.

GOOGE ASKS FULL ATTENDANCE OF LOCALS IN OUR TERRITORY AT LABOR CONFERENCE JAN. 16-17

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 5.

W. M. Witter, Editor
Charlotte Labor Journal

Thank you for fine support you have been giving the great southern war labor conference to be held in Atlanta, January 16-17. With heads of all government war agencies and executive heads of the A. F. of L., and our International Unions participating, we hope this conference will hasten America's victory over enemy nations and preserve here at home that liberty and freedom for which our forefathers gave their lives, and to the preservation of which the American Federation of Labor has dedicated its full resources. We are depending upon you to see to it that every local union in your territory sends full delegations to this important conference.

GEORGE L. GOOGE,
Southern Representative A. F. of L.

Typo Auxiliary Xmas Party At Home Mrs. Cleaver

Woman's Auxiliary No. 107 to
Charlotte Typographical Union No.
338 held their December meeting and
Christmas party at the home of Mrs.
E. G. Cleaver, 1609 Scott Avenue, De-
cember 28th.

This meeting was scheduled to be
held December 21st, but do to illness
among several members, the meeting
was postponed.

We had a very nice meeting and

gifts were distributed to everyone,
from the Christmas tree.

Mr. W. M. Witter, Editor of The
Labor Journal, who recently returned
from the Printer's Home at Colorado
Springs, Colorado, was guest speaker.
He gave a very interesting talk about
the home and the individual care given
to every one who goes there. The
souvenir book showing pictures of the
buildings and the grounds was of
great interest to all of us.

The date and place of the January
meeting will be announced later.

"They worried, still they worried;
they worried, but alas! they worried
about a lot of things that did not
come to pass."—Kleiser.

THE MARGIN BETWEEN FREEDOM
AND SLAVERY FOR LABOR MAY
BE TEN PERCENT
BUY WAR BONDS EVERY WEEK
OUT OF EACH PAY ENVELOPE