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### U. S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT, STATES ITS CASE REGARDING PEGLER'S "MISINFORMATION"

[The following, under heading of "The people speak." Ed. Page Feature of The Observer appeared Sunday, Jan. 31. Mr. Pegler's daily tirade against Labor had been moved over from the first column, third page, its usual place, to fit into the picture with the Treasury Department's statement, and his abuse against Labor, was raw, as usual, but the general public is getting to understand—the Administration, the President and his wife, personally, the New Deal, all Organized Labor in general, and everybody and everything except himself and a coterie of Labor Hatin Capitalists.—Ed.]

#### TREASURY DEPARTMENT STATES ITS CASE To The Observer:

The letter below from Charles Schwarz, director of public relations of the Treasury department, is sent to you at Mr. Schwarz's request. He explained that Secretary Morgenthau is away from Washington and that he had been asked to write in Mr. Morgenthau's absence.

#### UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE.

GEORGE A. CARLIN, Manager, United Feature Syndicate, Inc., New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Carlin:

I have just read Westbrook Pegler's column in today's Washington Daily News, the second in which he has given circulation to serious misinformation with respect to the Victory tax and has made grave charges against the Treasury department.

Because the facts in this connection have been brought to Mr. Pegler's attention by telephone and letter following the publication of his first column on the subject in The News of January 4, I am writing to demand, in behalf of the Treasury department, that a copy of this letter be made available to all of your subscribers who receive the Pegler column.

Whatever Mr. Pegler's motives may be, his repetition of erroneous assertions is likely to spread confusion in the minds of taxpayers and may seriously interfere with the collection of wartime taxes. I feel warranted therefore in asking those newspapers which print his column to present to their readers the simple facts which he has insisted on distorting.

Mr. Pegler in both instances accused the Treasury department of "theft" and "larceny" because the withholding tax out of which the Victory tax will be paid was applied to some wages earned at the end of 1942 but paid early this year. He argued that withholding should have been applied only against wages earned in 1943.

The second paragraph of today's column, discussing the authority under which the tax is collected, contains a complete misstatement of fact in the sentence, "It does not say that this tax shall be collected on any income occurring before December 31." On the contrary the section of the statute covering the withholding sets forth very clearly, "The provisions of this section shall take effect on January 1, 1943, and shall be applicable to all wages . . . paid on or after such date." The law makes the time of payment the test—not the time during which the wage was earned.

Any inspection of this portion of the revenue act, or any attempt to have checked its application with the Bureau of Internal Revenue, would have shown Mr. Pegler that the total amounts collected through the withholding tax will be completely credited against each individual's Victory tax liability at the end of this year. As a result, there cannot possibly be any question of "theft" from any taxpayer of a portion of income not intended to be covered by Congress.

In spite of explanations, Mr. Pegler also has persisted in presenting as synonymous a tax and a method of tax collection. Twice in today's column he refers to the "withholding or Victory" tax. The fact is that the Victory tax will be due on March 15, 1944, on all income other than

### SALUTE FROM UNITED STATES ARMY GIVEN TO AMERICAN FED. OF LABOR BY UNDER SEC. OF WAR PATTERSON

MIAMI, Fla.—The American Federation of Labor received a notable salute from the U. S. Army in the form of a letter from Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson giving high praise to the production achievements of AFL war workers.

The letter, sent to President William Green during the session of the Executive Council, follows:

"Dear Mr. Green: I hope you will present my greetings to the members of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, and my best wishes for a successful meeting.

"Through you, the Army congratulates the millions of members of the Federation on the important contribution they are making to the cause of a United Nations victory.

"The planes, weapons, radio equipment and other manufactured products American Federation of Labor workers are building are performing splendidly in battle. The machine tools and parts which you produce for the factory front are no less invaluable.

"The Army is especially grateful to those members of the Federation who helped us to rush to completion the barracks, hangars, arsenals and factories without which we could have trained our troops and made our munitions. In a like manner, your members who are engaged in transportation and warehousing have helped us to speed supplies to the fronts and to our allies.

"No history of the present conflict could be written without adequate mention of labor's importance in tipping the scales of military power. From every front come reports every day of the fighting achievements of weapons made by members of the American Federation of Labor.

"According to a dispatch from Guadalcanal, enemy bombing on our positions always ceases after the arrival of your P-38 Lightning planes. 'It was evident,' the dispatch said, 'that enemy aircraft avoided, as much as possible, actual combat with the P-38's. The Federation has reason to be proud of the splendid record being made by the Lightnings, the Flying Fortresses, the Liberators and all the other planes which are made by members of your organization.

"With the equipment you have furnished us, we have come a long way on the road to building an adequate offensive arsenal. We are counting on your labor to continue supplying us with the weapons to keep American free.

"Sincerely yours,  
ROBERT P. PATTERSON,  
Under Secretary of War."

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

capital gains and interest from tax-exempt securities, much of that income not now being subjected to the withholding provisions of the law. I hope that by the distribution of this letter you will be able to undo some of the harm that has undoubtedly been done by Mr. Pegler's persistent misrepresentation.

Sincerely yours,  
CHARLES SCHWARZ,  
Director of Public Relations,  
Treasury Department.

Washington, D. C.

### HEAD LINES PUBLISHED AT WASHINGTON IN THE ISSUE "LABOR", JAN. 31ST; UNION "FAGS" GOING TO OUR BOYS

By J. A. MOORE

HEADLINES TAKEN FROM "LABOR", WASHINGTON, D. C.

#### DEADLOCK OVER NAMING RAILROAD WAGE BOARD IS UP TO THE PRESIDENT

Unions anxiously await naming of Emergency Panel. 15 co-operating groups pressing all demands, including Closed Shop issue, "Big Five" Serve Formal Demand on Carriers for thirty cent an hour raise.

NAVY AND MARINES NAIL VICIOUS LIBEL ON UNION SEAMEN: Newspaper story on 'sitdown' at Guadalcanal is called "pure fabrication" Tories use tale to clamor for Legislation to shackle nations Workers.

BOSSES HIKE WAGES TO HEAD OFF UNIONS—Most requests for W. L. B. sanction comes from Employers, Davis Reveals, over 75 per cent of requests for W. L. B. "okay" of wage or salary raises now coming from employers, adding that "the world is a little topsy turvy nowadays."

BOSSES STILL RAISE AGE AS BAR TO JOBS—Dry dock company condemned for discharging capable Union workers, in the face of a critical manpower shortage, employers are firing workers because of their age and refusing employment to others for the same reason.

SOTHERN PAPER CALLS PEGLER "PRIZE PALOOKA OF ALL ALL TIME"—"Richmond Times-Dispatch" Bans Columnist "Bunk" and "Balderdash"—accuses him of misrepresentation.

LABOR FOES BEATEN ON FIRST TEST VOTE IN NEW CONGRESS—Senate refuses to abandon safeguard for employees in wire merger, Drive was led by Taft, Ohio Solon accused of trying to "Bail Out" Stockholders of companies.

CRIPPLING OF WAGNER ACT HELD PERIL TO WAR EFFORT—Production would suffer severely if Bosses are given free hand to smash Unions Declares N.L.R.B. Chairman.

F.D. STARTLES WORLD AGAIN; FLIES TO AFRICA TO PLAN WAR—Russians continue to make progress against Germans; "Brass Hats" finally aroused to U. Boat Peril.

MARINE ENGINEERS READY TO LAY DOWN LIVES FOR VICTORY: More than 100 members of Union have already made Supreme Sacrifice, Convention makes important Decisions; Re-Elects Hogan for Two-Year Term.

GIANT OF BRITISH LABOR IS DEAD—John Burns, Born in Slums, First Workingman to hold Post in Cabinet; had a colorful career.

HONOR IS BESTOWED ON CROSSER—Ohio progressive Unanimously chosen Chairman of House Steering Committee which will guide Legislation. Great honor has come to "Bob" Cross—Idol of American railroad workers, on Monday, by unanimous vote, the Democratic Steering committee of the House picked the famous Cleveland Congressman as its Chairman.

A. F. L. COUNCIL RATIFIES PACT TO OUTLAW "RAIDING"—First practical step to compose Differences with C.I.O., says President Green.

NEW RULINGS MEAN MILLIONS IN PROFITS TO MILK TRUST—Permission to Distributors to eliminate service follows substantial hike in prices. LITTLE FARMERS IGNORED. Plan charged to drive tillers of Soil into arms of commercial interests.

I have listed a few of the Headlines out of Washington that has especially appealed to me, if any one is interested in the full story as carried in this great newspaper I will be glad to give it to them verbatim.

Local Unions report that they are having their regular meetings which are well attended and, many of them are buying the Cigarettes for the boys that are in Foreign Service, its to be hoped that some kind of plan will be worked out by each Local to buy some each month thereby giving a regular flow of good Union made Cigarettes to them. All Union members are working with the possible exception of a few that are not prepared to go to an outlying point at this time.

Attend your meetings regularly, go to the Central Labor Union each Thursday night, Buy Union Made Goods, Read the Charlotte Labor Journal and patronize its advertisers.

### DUES PAYING A. F. L. MEMBERSHIP NEARS THE SIX MILLION MARK; OVER MILLION GAIN IN 12 MONTHS

MIAMI, Fla.—Secretary-Treasurer George Meany reported to the Executive Council that the total dues-paid membership in the American Federation of Labor reached an all-time high of 5,954,434 at the close of last month.

This makes the American Federation of Labor the largest trade union organization in the world and represents a gain of 1,059,691 members in the 12 months since Dec. 31, 1941, when the AFL membership stood at 4,894,743.

The gain since the last reported membership at the end of the Federation's fiscal year on Aug. 31, 1942, was 471,853 new members. Further comparisons show that the AFL has more than doubled its membership since 1937, when the organizations that went over to the CIO were dropped from the Federation's rolls. The AFL's dues-paid membership gains since that time total 3,693,501.

Mr. Meany emphasized the fact that the all-time high membership which he announced is not a claimed or estimated membership, but an official figure based on per capita dues payments appearing on the Federation's books which are audited periodically. The figures are included in the Federation's financial reports, which are available in public libraries all over the country.

The membership total, Mr. Meany further pointed out, does not include a considerable floating and unemployed membership, plus several hundred thousand union workers in the armed forces of the nation who are excused from paying dues during their period of service.

The Executive Council expressed its approval of the progress shown in the membership report, but directed that the Federation's organizing activities be continued at full momentum in order to bring the benefits of unionism to millions of American workers who are still unorganized.

### Free Labor Will Out- Produce Nazi Slaves

### THIS "ONE, TWO PUNCH" WILL WIN!

(In Nashville, Tenn., Trades-Labor News)

By BEN FAUCET

'Twill take BOTH to do the job, the "one, two punch" will win, Put up both "dukes," get all set and then the fight begin With all the Dollars you can spare to smash the Axis gang Right on the chin with all you've got—hit them with a bang! Buy Bonds, Buy Stamps, Pay Taxes, too—your part in the war To save us the Liberty that we are fighting for!

"FREE LABOR WILL WIN!"



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