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AMERICAN RED CROSS AIMS AT A \$125,000,000 GOAL FOR 1943 WAR FUND CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, D. C.—“The greatest mother in the world,” with a war task ahead, comes to the American people to appeal for funds—March 1-31—funds to finance the most extensive humanitarian program ever conceived. Goal of the 1943 War Fund campaign of the American Red Cross is \$125,000,000.

Chairman Norman H. Davis of the Red Cross, briefly referred to 1942 accomplishments as a particular reason why this organization is rightfully called “the greatest mother in the world.” “Upwards of 30,000,000 people were “mothered” in the first year’s war program.

AID WAR SUFFERERS

“This report,” the chairman pointed out, “shows since World War II began, \$66,000,000 expended on foreign relief which brought aid to many millions of evacuees, refugees and other war sufferers, and \$5,000,000 expended on relief for prisoners of war of the United Nations; since Pearl Harbor, 5,500,000 first aid certificates awarded; a million and a quarter blood donors; 68,000 nurses aides trained and in training; 520,000 surgical dressings and millions of knitted and other garments made; more than a million trained in nutrition and home nursing courses and more than 1,500,000 members of the armed forces given aid in unraveling personal and home problems. “Red Cross services to our armed forces, to the needs of distressed civilians on the battle front and home front can be supplied only by great expenditures and some sacrifices. We are exerting our utmost efforts to accomplish these tasks with the least possible drain upon the resources of the people—in funds, time and energy.

We must never falter in our determination to meet these definite obligations. The Red Cross is confident that all of our people will be generous in their support of the 1943 War Fund.”

GOAL IS \$125,000,000

Of the \$125,000,000 goal, \$45,000,000 will be used by the 3,755 Red Cross Chapters to finance their indispensable needs and their ever increasing local work on behalf of the families of the men in service. The remainder, or \$80,000,000 will go to the national organization. This sum with \$20,000,000 left from 1942, will make up the \$100,000,000 needed by the American Red Cross for its expanded services.

FUNDS FOR THE ARMED FORCES

Chairman Davis emphasized the fact that 65 per cent of the funds required by the national organization had been budgeted for Red Cross services to the armed forces. As the armed forces increase, the Red Cross must keep pace both at home and abroad.

The 1943 program of the Red Cross presents a picture of great expansion in every phase of its work.

Blood plasma is one of the most important contributions to the medical branches of the military. It has proved itself by saving the lives of thousands of boys wounded in battle.

A. F. L. HAS KEPT NO-STRIKE PLEDGE; WAR LABOR BO'RD MAKES STATEMENT; COVERS STOPPAGES FROM DISPUTES

WASHINGTON.—Man-days lost from war production by strikes and other work stoppages in December maintained November’s low level of 3/100 of 1 per cent of total man-days worked, just half the twelve-month average of 6/100 of 1 per cent, the National War Labor Board announced last week.

The report covers stoppages from labor disputes, including walkouts by unorganized workers and independent unions, lockouts and unauthorized strikes.

While the number of man-days rose from 91,925 in November to 119,572 in December, the number of days worked rose at the same time from 350 million to approximately 385 million. The number of men involved in 101 war plant work stoppages in December was 49,375.

Six man-days were lost in 1942 for every ten thousand days worked. Out of 3,339,000,000 days worked, 2,095,294 days were lost in work stoppages. There were 1,363 disputes in war industries in progress during the year, involving 569,801 men.

Man-days of idleness due to disputes during the first year of war were one-fourth the average for the preceding five years of peace. The monthly average for the 1937-1941 period was 1,418,896 man-days lost per month in all industry and 174,608 days lost per month in war industry.

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS MUSICIANS IN TEST CASE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The United States Supreme Court delivered another stinging rebuke to Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold when it unanimously upheld a lower court ruling denying Arnold an injunction against the American Federation of Musicians.

Arnold sought the injunction to restrain the union from continuing its ban on the making of recordings which result in the displacement of live musicians from their jobs. Federal Judge John P. Barnes in Chicago ruled last Summer that the issue was based on a labor dispute and pointed out that the Norris-La Guardia Act prohibits the issuance of injunctions where a labor dispute is involved.

The Supreme Court held that Judge Barnes’ interpretation of the law was correct and that Arnold was wrong—as usual.

FRANK BARR LOSES SISTER; BURIAL HERE

It was with deep regret that the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barr, formerly of Charlotte, learned of the death, in Charleston, of Miss Elizabeth Barr, sister of Mr. Barr. Funeral services were conducted at the Hovis Chapel, Tuesday afternoon by Rev. William Brown, St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church, interment being in Elmwood Cemetery.

Miss Barr, after an illness of some months, passed away at the home of her brother in Charleston, where he is engaged in government work, and has been for the past two years. The deceased was a native of Lancaster, S. C., being 57 years of age at the time of her death.

The pallbearers were K. B. Black, W. L. Springs, P. C. Carpenter, James Parrish, L. H. Ledbetter, and R. A. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Barr had been residents of Charlotte up to about five years ago when he went to Columbia, S. C., on Government work, leaving there about 2 years ago for Charleston. He was identified with organized labor in Charlotte for a long period of years, being a member of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union and a former president of Charlotte Central Labor Union. The many friends of the family here, and elsewhere throughout the Carolinas extend condolence to the bereaved ones in their hour of sorrow.

(From PM—New York)

BUNK

The New York Herald Tribune in an editorial yesterday on Eddie Rickenbacker’s anti-labor speeches said: “We can’t be sorry that the contest is on, that our fighting men have enlisted so influential a champion to challenge the labor setup and its failure to back them up to the hilt.”

BECAUSE

The fighting men have not “enlisted” Rickenbacker as their spokesman. Rickenbacker elected himself. Undersecretary of War Robert Patterson has repudiated him as an Army spokesman. And his accusations against labor have been challenged by Colonel George E. Strong, of the Army Air Force Central Procurement District in Detroit, our largest industrial area, in these words: “I do not agree with sentiments expressed recently in which labor was blamed for failure to produce.”

JOURNAL WRITER VISITS RALEIGH; VISITING OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN CAPITOL CITY; PAYS TRIBUTE TO OUR STATE PRESIDENT AND BRO. BROWN

BY J. A. MOORE

The Charlotte Central Labor Union held its regular meeting last Thursday night, but as I was away from the city. I can not give a hint at what took place at this meeting. I am sure that the delegates took proper steps with anything that came up for consideration. You see that one small man like me can be absent for many nights and the business will be carried on just the same and, of course, by the same men that have carried the burden of conducting the affairs of labor for many years.

Activities were varied around the Labor Temple all of last week, to begin with the Southern Conference of Seventh Day Adventists have held their annual conference in the Temple. This should have seemed to them like coming back home, as it was from them that we purchased this Home for Labor about a year ago. We were proud to have them, but that goes without saying. All local Unions that had meetings slated for the days they were here gave way gladly and crowded in a small room in the basement to have their meetings. In some cases this was a real problem as the membership runs into thousands.

I had the pleasure of being in Raleigh a few hours last week, and while I was there I paid a visit to our Legislative Representatives, and at this time I can say that my visit with them was entirely satisfactory. I didn’t have anything personally to discuss with them but I was very favorably impressed with them, and at this writing I think it will be safe for me to say that I would be perfectly willing to trust them with anything that might come up in which my interest was involved. I will make a report to the Charlotte Central Labor Union at the next meeting on this trip. Saw President C. A. Fink while there, and am glad to report that his conduct of labor’s business has been such that he has won the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact—even those that do not approve of organized labor say that he is “AT LEAST AN HONORABLE MAN.”

Brother A. E. Brown is in the City. Just seems to be everywhere. Saw him here and in a few minutes he was somewhere else. Started to speak to him and he was gone. Don’t know where he went but I can safely say that you will be hearing from him in a big way sometime soon. His time is all taken up, one way or another—he, like Claude Albee, Hill Kiser and Bill Green, is a member of a Local Draft Board, and that is one of those jobs without any pay feature; but when the day for his meeting comes he goes as that comes first—then he runs around for the American Federation of Labor and the North Carolina Federation of Labor, besides working sometime. He is a barber and is well known in the labor movement.

Several weeks ago, the Editor of The Charlotte Labor Journal called on all Local Unions for a list of officers of the various organizations affiliated with the American Federation of Labor together with a list, if possible, of their membership that are serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. Let me urge you to check up and see if this information has been sent in and if you find it has not been, get busy yourself and give it to him. This is very important and should have the immediate attention of some one in every local. It will help him to prepare a Roster of meeting nights and will enable him to publish a complete list of our members that we are trying to support with all our might. EVERY MEETING WE PLEDGE OUR ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS. Every week we send our sons and brothers to protect it with their lives if necessary. Have you failed to keep a record of them? NO, WELL PLEASE SEND IT IN.

“LET’S GO U.S.A.—KEEP ‘EM FLYING”

COMMANDOUGH!



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Raleigh Will Not Be Fooled Either

“YOU CAN’T FOOL ALL OF THE PEOPLE ALL OF THE TIME!” DECLARED LINCOLN, AND WORD FROM OKLAHOMA VINDICATES HIS WISDOM

(From Labor)

On Friday of last week Senator O’Daniel of Texas addressed the lower House of the Oklahoma Legislature. He related an extraordinary variety of falsehoods. “Government officials are forced to go to labor on bended knee in order to keep the wheels of production moving.” “Organized labor is today proving itself guilty of every known form of oppression.”

The legislators listened patiently, courteously. After O’Daniel retired they devoted an hour to a discussion of his remarks.

“I don’t appreciate any Texas flour salesman coming here and telling us what legislation to pass against labor,” said one of the solons. “If I were a laboring man today, I’d be a union man. The only way they can get their rights is by organizing.”

“In these times, no man should attempt to create disunity,” said another. “Labor in Oklahoma has stood by its guns, and there hasn’t been one hour of production time lost in this state because of strikes since Pearl Harbor.”

“As a Senator and a guest, O’Daniel is entitled to courteous treatment,” announced a third, “but as an individual, I don’t respect him a damned bit and I’ll tell him so just as gladly as I tell this House.”

At the conclusion of the discussion, the House adopted a resolution commending Oklahoma labor “for the job it has done in this emergency” and pledged loyal allegiance to President Roosevelt’s administration.

In view of the atrocious drive the daily newspapers and the sweatshop bosses of Oklahoma have been making against organized labor, the foregoing is a fine tribute to the sanity and sense of fair play of the lawmakers of the state.

These anti-labor demagogues will undoubtedly continue to plague us, but Lincoln was eternally right when he said: “You can’t fool all of the people all of the time.”

The North Carolina Legislature now in session will not be fooled either. We have our “Pappy O’Daniels” tearing into the legislature and trying to use the war as an opening wedge against labor, House Bill No. 396 is a case in point. Happily, labor-management relations in our state have been such since Pearl Harbor as to eliminate even the flimsiest argument for any so called “labor peace bill”—they say it is for “protection” for the future. The only protection Americans need now is protection against our enemies—Hitler, Tojo and their assorted lackeys. No, we have a firm conviction that North Carolina common sense will talk this all over and the legislature will then vote a resolution commending labor in the state for the part they are playing in winning the war, and vote of thanks for the officers and men in organizations on both sides who have made labor-management relations what they are.

REPAIRING THE HOME

A dwelling place isn’t always a home. There is a reported shortage of houses in the nation, and though not reported, there is doubtless a shortage of homes. Divorces and other domestic maladjustments have drawn heavily against the American home much to the detriment of society.

Because of priorities in building material few dwellings can now be built and there are many restrictions that apply to repairs. But such is not the case with the home, for brick and mortar do not go into the making of these.

It was Eddie Guest, or was it he, who said, “It takes a lot of living in a house to make it a home. And likewise more living in many homes might serve to make the repairs they so much need.”

Thirty million fine residences, as welcome and needed as they are, do not constitute the backbone of a nation, but thirty million real homes do. There you find the roots of democracy. So now while house building and repairing has been stopped it is a good time for home building.

With the shortage of gas and tires, there is no better opportunity than now.—Nashville Labor News.

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