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## BIBLE THOUGHT

"Now when the centurian, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God."-St. Matthew in the Crucifixion.



DOROTHY THOMPSON HITS ANTI-UNION CAMPAIGN OF **CAPTAIN RICKENBACKER** 

## SAFE HARBOR

By RUTH TAYLOR

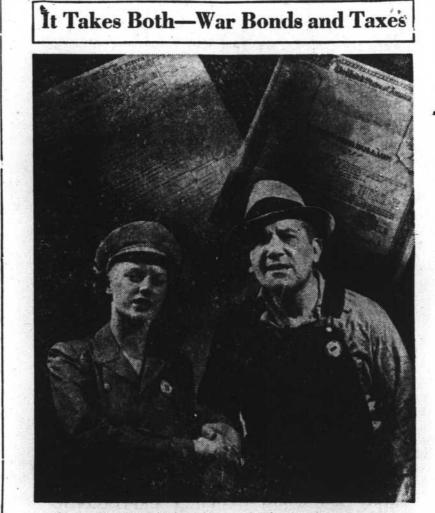
"Freedom is the right of a sailor to quit ship in a safe harbor." That was Andrew Fureseth's definition of freedom as given to me by Victor Olander—and as with so many of his phrases, it sums up in just a few trenchant words a whole situation. Freedom is the right—the right mind you, not a privilege of patronage, but the right of a free man to quit ship—to leave his job and work where and at what he wills—in a safe harbor. It is this that expresses the ideals of American Labor today. Labor does not and must not ask for smeeled forces or privilege.

and at what he wills—in a safe harbor. It is this that expresses the ideals of American Labor today. Labor does not and must not ask for special favors or privileges. It has a right to expect the same treatment as all other citizens under our laws and our understanding of freedom. It has the right of freedom of choice—just as the sallor has the right to quit ship in a safe harbor. A great many men in Labor are worried that if they give up any one of their hard won rights, they will have to fight all over again for it when the war is over. They see that some groups are already plotting the destruction of an organized labor movement—forgetting that the organized labor move-ment is the only real protection against the mob rule which has overthrown so many of the countries of Europe. But we are not now in a safe harbor—and until the ship is safely brought to port the sailor has no right to quit—ship or work. Andy Fureseth real-ized that. He did not countenance mutiny on the high seas. He asked that when the storm was over, and the voyage safely encompassed, the sailor have the same rights as any other man.

have the same rights as any other man. That is what freedom is. You cannot have freedom without consider-ing your neighbors' rights. You cannot have rights without regard to re-sponsibilities. You cannot have safety for yourself without security for all. you cannot have peace for one and strife for another. The days of feudalism re past.

We are fighting for the freedom to work as men-to be free from the hackles of oppression. But we must not mutiny until a safe harbor is eached.

We are all sailors today—with our Commander in Chief as Captain. We will obey on the high seas—so that when the storm is over and we reach a safe harbor, we can, with clear conscience, claim the right to quit ship.



Men and women of America are joining hands everywhere determined to win this war for freedom. They are ready for what-ever sacrifice is needed to bring Victory. They are feeling this month the government's new Victory tax . . . a 5% tax deducted from wages and salaries.



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WASHINGTON, D. C .- Dorothy Thompson, noted newspaper columnist and recognized expert on the techniques of Fascism, courageously denounced Capt. "Eddie" Rickenbacker as a spokesman for those "who are seeking to take advantage of this war to crush American labor unions." In a syndicated column, Miss Thompson wrote:

"Although he denies it in words, he attacks the very basis of organized labor; those laws which seek to bring some order and stability to the rights of workers, organized or unorganized; and the whole structure which makes labor organization possible.

"And for all the faults in our war production, he blames the workers and blames them exclusively.

"While our men are fighting in Africa and the Pacific, Captain Rickenbacker is organizing their lives for them on their return. He is planning that they shall be used to break the trade union system.

"The men in the hell holes doing the fighting are not largely corporation executives. They are mostly the sons of American workers.

"Certainly, when the soldier comes back to the nation, which he has risked his life to protect, he will demand a share in the wealth of that nation. And he certainly won't get it if he is aligned against the workers who were kept at home.'

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