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We believe in American business and American Workers. We believe that a just share of the profits which the workers help produce should be given the worker, for without this benefit, lasting prosperity cannot be assured.

OUR POLICY ---Work - Fight - Save To create a better understanding between Labor, Industry and the Public.

OUR AIM ---Work - Fight - Save To influence Public Opinion in favor of the Organized Labor Movement.

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BIBLE THOUGHT

"I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed."-Psalmist.

THE PUSH IS ON!

How eagerly do we seize upon the latest papers or tune into the news broadcast to learn what is happening that presages the spring offensive! We know the preparation signs now—the massing of forces, the pro-longed air raids—and we wait in trembling intensity for the words—

ORGANIZED LABOR KNOWS FROM LONG AND BITTER EXPERIENCE THAT WE CAN'T GET ANYWHERE STANDING STILL, THAT WE HAVE TO FIGHT TO GET AHEAD AND THAT TO WIN THE FIGHT SPEEDILY WILL COST HEAVILY, ORGANIZED LABOR KNOWS THAT ONLY IN UNITY IS THERE STRENGTH AND THAT THE HIGHER STANDARDS OF LIVING AND THE GAINS OF THE WORKERS WERE WON BY MEN WHO WERE WILLING TO SACRI-WORKERS WERE WON BY MEN WHO WERE WILLING TO SACRIFICE THEMSELVES FOR THE COMMON GOOD.

Organized Labor intends that we will win this war. Labor was the first group to realize the scope of the titanic struggle, to see that it was a global war for the freedom of all men, not just another European conflict, and to understand that we could not escape our part in it. The leaders of Labor have pledged the faith of the men of Labor to the task of fighting-on the battle front, on the production lines and with their

THIS WAR MUST BE WON—IF WE ARE TO REMAIN FREE MEN. AND THE SOONER THE WAR IS WON, THE SOONER WE RETURN TO OUR CHOSEN WAY OF LIFE.

The push is on-but to push on to Victory means not merely that the spearhead of fighting men must pierce into enemy territory. It means that there must be enough drive of production back of that spearhead to force it through and to so arm the gallant fighting youths that the death toll, great as it will inevitably be, will not be a vain and idle

We must not stand still until the hour of attack. We must fight to get ahead and that means action on the part of each and every one of us. The slacker on the production front is as much of a traitor as deserter on the battlefield-an active aid to the forces of destruction.

In unity there is strength. Only as we all stand together, doing our full share, can we be strong enough to prevail against the powers of darkness. Now is the time to fight the enemy-NOT each other. We must be united as never before, not separated into self-seeking cliques of class, creed or color. To return to our standards of living and to those social and economic gains which have made us the envied of the nations, we must

ALL sacrifice for the common good.
ORGANIZED LABOR WILL NOT FAIL TO MEET THE DEMANDS PUT UPON IT. LABOR MUST AND WILL KEEP ITS RECORD CLEAR AND CURB THOSE WHO PUT SELF-INTEREST BEFORE NATIONAL INTEREST. AS IT HAS DONE IN ITS OWN FIGHT. LABOR WILL SUBORN UNIMPORTANT ISSUES TO THE JOB THAT MUST BE DONE. THE PUSH IS ON-AND LABOR IS READY TO DRIVE THROUGH WITH ALL ITS MIGHT!

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As governmental consideration for American Union Labor during and after the war, the "Freedom from Want" plan sent to the U. S. Congress by President Roosevelt on March 10th recommended that Labor be assured its "Essential Safeguards of Democracy—Collective Bargaining, Fair Wages and Hours, Healthy and Effective Working Conditions and Responsibility in Organization and Sharing in Magazanent"

Capt. "Eddie's" idea of fairness to Labor is évidently quite different from the attitude of our great Chief Executive, WHO KNOWS WHEREOF HE SPEAKS! — Nashville (Tenn.) Trades and Labor

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