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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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**THE MARGIN BETWEEN FREEDOM
AND SLAVERY FOR LABOR MAY
BE TEN PERCENT**

RICKENBACKER—THE "FRIEND" OF THE WORKER

Eddie Rickenbacker says he is not and has never attacked Labor—that he is hitting at the Racketeers, but we all know better than that, for if Mr. Rickenbacker were looking for Racketeers, and the real, unadulterated article, of an age-old vintage, he would find them in the reactionary, tory ranks, whose cause he is expounding, named the American Manufacturers Association and the Organization of a like ilk. HE IS BENT ON AN OPEN SHOP TO SAVE AMERICA FOR THE BIG BOYS, AND PUT THE WORKERS BACK INTO SEMI-BONDAGE. He is not fooling anyone, even though he has been feted and greeted and heroed, world without end by what is supposed to be THE PEOPLE.

EDDIE WAS SAVED A TRIP INTO THE NEXT WORLD BY A UNION MAN, AND OTHER UNION MEN WERE ALSO AMONG THE SURVIVORS. WHAT WERE THE DELUDED SLACKERS DOING IN THE ARMY, NAVY, OR AIR FORCES ANY WAY—THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN AT HOME "SLACKING"—SWEATING, TOILING, STRIVING TO GIVE THEIR COMRADES OVERSEAS THE NECESSARY IMPLEMENTS WITH WHICH TO CARRY ON THIS WAR, ALL OF WHOM ARE HEROES IN THE TRUE SENSE OF THE WORD EVEN THOUGH CONDEMNED AND DAMMED. THERE WAS CHERRY, WHITAKER AND BARTEK in that wrecked bunch—Airline Pilots Association, A. F. of L.; Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers, A. F. of L.; C. I. O. Textile Workers. The first was a Pilot Captain; one a Lieutenant; one a Corporal, but MEMBERS OF LABOR UNIONS.

Rickenbacker will rave on for the open shop and the "freedom" of the workers to become Marionettes to be pulled by strings at the will of capital.

Those boys with Eddie were our boys—and Labor has hundreds and hundreds of thousands of sons and brothers and members OVER THERE OR ON THEIR WAY; and will be feeding more and more thousands as the days go by, so Eddie, the message you think will be brought back home against Organized Labor will never be brought by a majority of those who return, but by a small minority whom such men as you are trying to delude with the false idea that Labor at home is laying down on the job. Oh, Propaganda, thou art a jewel.

The Journal would not take HONOR from any man—but—whe nthose we honor for gallant deeds start a crusade against others who also deserve as much, or more, honor—then our esteem and respect dwindle.

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An Editorial

Some man from Mars looks down and watches a terrible fight going on in the American Congress—a fight against a ceiling of \$25,000 a year salary set by the President—and the fight wanes and waxes with the moon and finally the man from Mars sees that victory has come to those who are against setting a \$25,000 ceiling.

What are we coming to?
What is money anyway?
We have built up a civilization in our country, based on the bath-tub, the refrigerator and brass plumbing. Is it worth it?

What are the valuable things in life?
Bobby Burns who wrote "A Cotter's Saturday Night" never earned more than \$700 a year. Walter Winchell whose miles of columns will never produce a line worth remembering gets somewhere in the neighborhood of \$100,000 a year. William Shakespeare, who had the greatest brain ever incased in a human skull, wrote Hamlet and Lear and Romeo and Macbeth and left an estate equivalent to about \$11,000. Westbrook Pegler who will never leave a sentence worth memorizing gets \$110,000 a year or thereabout.

What is this all about anyway?
Who are the people who have moved this earth? "The Morgans, Rockefellers, the Chryslers, Fords, etc.?" No, and they never will. Those giants who rise to immortality the moment they are laid in their graves are the men who leave a scrap of paper, a poem, an idea, or a SERMON ON THE MOUNT—Things that can not be used in a pawn shop or in a bank.

Greetings to Charlotte Labor on the Battle Fronts
and in Our Factories.



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BEAUTY ON THE ASSEMBLY LINE



It wasn't easy for some of the boys working in a Kansas small-arms plant to give up their jobs to join Uncle Sam's armed forces . . . and the reason was the bewitching beauty shown above. It doesn't require much of a brainstorm to understand why Lelia Wright Vodrey was selected "Miss Kansas City" a year or so ago. But Lelia's importance today isn't in the fact that she's a stunning gal and a beauty-contest winner but rather that she's one of the Nation's 13,000,000 women engaged in crucial war work in plants and factories all over the Nation. Lelia's work is on an assembly line turning out cartridge casings, but other women are welding ships, operating power cranes, turning lathes, and even testing big tanks and guns for the Army. Five million more women workers will be added to the Nation's pay rolls by the end of 1943, thus releasing large numbers of men for the armed forces. Some trade-union leaders expect that within 18 months more than 50 percent of their membership will be work-

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