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RATIONING ADMIN. J. A. SCGGINS ANNOUNCES HEADQUARTERS WILL BE MOVED TO LIBERTY LIFE BLDG.

The Mecklenburg rationing headquarters will be transferred to the Liberty Life building on South Tryon street in quarters formerly occupied by the Federal Reserve bank, and plans call for the new headquarters to be in operation as soon after May 1 as the details of the project can be worked out, according to J. A. Scoggins, rationing administrator.

The final decision to move to the excellent quarters in the large up-town office building marks the end of months of work on the part of rationing and OPA officials to obtain more suitable quarters for the rationing board than have been used since the organization began functioning more than a year ago.

The new office space was designed for use as a bank, and will be well adapted to use as the rationing headquarters provide some 1,000 square feet of space more than was available in the present quarters at 432 1-2 East Fourth street. The new quarters also have the advantage of being largely on the street floor, so that the crowds of people which must visit the rationing offices will not have to climb stairs as has been the case in the present quarters.

The central location also will be an advantage. The Liberty Life building is only about three doors from Independence Square where all buses

take on and discharge their passengers. In this day of restricted automobile travel, having the rationing offices at the center of the bus system should prove a real advantage, Mr. Scoggins commented.

The administrator emphasized that the whole plan of the officials responsible for the move is to increase the efficiency of the rationing system, and improve the whole program from the standpoint of convenience to the public which is vitally affected by the whole business of rationing.

Mr. Scoggins already has conferred with Chairman S. Y. McAden of the board of county commissioners about obtaining the necessary equipment for the new offices. Chairman McAden yesterday said that plans call for donation of the necessary lumber which is to be worked into counters, desks and the like by the National Youth Administration which maintains workshops in the county.—Observer, Wednesday.

NEW LABOR-MANAGEMENT AGRICULTURE POLICY COMMITTEE SET UP BY WAR MANPOWER COM.

WASHINGTON — On its own recommendation, the War Manpower Commission's Labor-Management Policy Committee of 17 members has been replaced with a new and more authoritative 9-man committee made up of three top-ranking leaders each from labor, management and agriculture.

This step was decided and announced at a conference of the organization leaders from the three groups, who stated that the new committee would have more authority to speak for their groups.

The members of the new WMC Labor-Management Agriculture Policy Committee: William Green, President, American Federation of Labor. Philip Murray, President, Congress of Industrial Organizations.

A representative to be named by the Railroad Brotherhoods. Eric Johnston, President, U. S. Chamber of Commerce. Frederick Crawford, rPresident, National Association of Manufacturers.

R. Conrad Cooper, Vice-President, Wheeling Steel Corporation.

E. A. O'Neal, President, American Farm Bureau Federation. James Patton, President, National Farmers Union. A. S. Goss, Master, National Grange.

Four Sons Join Navy To Avenge Father's Death

The four sons of the late John Joseph Breen, Sr., of Brooklyn, N. Y., a former N. M. U. member, are serving in the Navy to avenge the death of their father who was lost last July

when his ship was torpedoed in the Caribbean. He was a merchant seaman aboard that ship.

When word of his death came, his son, William, 22, was already in the Navy. Within four weeks after the telegram arrived from the Navy Department, notifying them that their father was listed as missing, John Joseph, Jr., 24; Martin Thomas, 31, and James, 29, all joined the Navy.

Each one told the Navy recruiting officer the same story: "I have to get in—they got my father."

THE MARCH OF LABOR



OF 16 CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION TO WORKERS ISSUED BY THE WAR PRODUCTION BOARD FOR ACTIVITIES LEADING TO INCREASED PRODUCTION, NINE WENT TO UNION PLANTS.



WEAR THE BADGE OF UNIONISM—THE UNION LABEL—IN YOUR HAT! THIS IS THE UNION HAT LABEL.

JOURNAL READERS PATRONIZE JOURNAL ADVERTISERS

This WEEK, This WORLD

by Ted Friend

IT IS DIFFICULT to imagine it, but Gerald L. K. Smith, the notorious filthmonger, once sported the title of "Reverend," no less! Which should have indicated that Smith had, or should have had, the advantage of some teaching in religion, ethics and morals! Which should have, in turn, pre-supposed a compassion and understanding for his suffering fellowman! Which should have, further, implied a measure of idealistic adherence to the principles of liberty, fraternity and equality!

Of course, the history of G. L. K. Smith, as of others who have developed a money making racket out of intolerance, bespeaks no compassion for anyone.

But the moral and political depravity of Smith becomes even more clear as one notes that his effusions of hate are enunciated at almost the precise moment when the casualty lists, issued by the United States War Department, record the names of members and communicants of the very minority groups which he maligns and attacks.

It is one of the shameful tragedies of the current American scene that the solemn announcement of American non-Aryan dead, wounded or missing on the battle lines in North Africa and in the Pacific, is besmirched and slandered by Smith and his cohorts by the holding of meetings in which plans for the further smearing of reputable American minorities is connived.

Nor is Smith, who long ago should have been denied the use of the United States mails, the only or the foulest confuser doing business while American citizens of every sect, race and color are in a depth-grip with the totalitarian enemy. Harry A. Jung, labor-baiter, strike-breaker and anti-Semite, who boasts that he receives free office space in the Chicago Tribune building, is another typical member of the subversivist band. Yet another Copperhead figure is Earl Southard, who was recently exposed by the Anti-Nazi League as a prime mover in the effort to unite various fascist-like elements in a single organization having political ambitions.

Other subversivists, putting in a lick for the saboteurs of democracy, are Allen Zoll, not long ago indicted for attempted extortion of a radio station, who has been distributing a Southard letter to attract new support; Merwin K. Hart, a Gen. Franco supporter and former associate of the recently indicted John E. Kelly; and Joe McWilliams, the would-be Storm

Trooper, who has turned his activities from New York where he was exposed and jailed, to Chicago where he is being groomed as a Congressional candidate by Middle West pro-Fascist forces.

The Department of Justice and the Treasury Department have done good work in ferreting out and placing on trial the more dangerous borers from within, in spite of the Copperhead contingent in Congress which is always on hand to go bail for its favored subversivist sons, but until fry, such as Smith, Jung and McWilliams, is curtailed the job cannot be said to be completely done.

QUOTE-OF-THE-MONTH CLUB: "Our joint task will be hard. But, for our part, we are proud of the company with which we march. No one flag, no one government, no one language unite the peoples of our great alliance. We have one passport, freedom; one objective, victory, total and unmistakable; one purpose, a just and lasting peace."—Foreign Minister Anthony Eden.

BEG IT, or borrow it, or buy it. . . . RUT READ IT! "Education for Death," by Gregor Ziemer (Oxford University Press) a startling revelation of the molding of Nazi youth. Carefully documented from Nazi textbooks, military manuals, song books, catechisms, etc., Dr. Ziemer's book indicts the German educational system which had so great a part in attempting to foist Hitlerism on the world.

RUMOR OF THE WEEK! . . . That Henri Petain died on March 21st!

THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME: . . . Herbert Lehman is slated to head a United Nations relief organization. . . . Compulsory courses in English is in the offing for Puerto Rico. . . . Gen. Giraud has selected Admiral Robert's Martintique successor. . . . Industrialists wasting manpower will be shut off from vital materials.

FREE SPEECH

By RUTH TAYLOR

Free speech is the life blood of the Republic of the United States. From the Bill of Rights to the Four Freedoms, it has been a symbol of democracy, so completely an accepted right, that we came to take it for granted.

We could not fully realize the existence of the totalitarian regimes because we could not sense a nation without the right to "speak out." Dictators always gag the people and stifle the opposition just as quickly as possible. Without free speech no man knows the ambitions or ideals motivating his neighbor and fear keeps him quiescent under the tyrant's sway. The abolition of free speech precedes by just a moment the enslavement of man.

But how may we preserve free speech? If speech is free, if free speech is to be desired enough to fight for it, if its loss is one of the greatest a nation can suffer, we should cherish it and use it wisely—for free speech is a responsibility as well as a right. Free speech must be true speech. Free speech means the right to disagree and to state the reason for dissent, without recourse to slanderous abuse and all men frown upon demagogic shrieks of hatred.

While we fight to protect freedom of speech, we should not employ that freedom in the tactics of the enemy, destroying unity by sniping at each other. No one group, whether it be of class, employment, state or section, of race, national origin or of religion, should carry free speech to extremes. If one side does it, the other side is not justified in following suit. Free speech should not mean mud slinging.

Liberty must never degenerate into license; freedom of assembly must never in mob rule; and free speech must never lower itself to vituperative slander of those with whom we are not in accord or against any group of our population. If we so misuse free speech, we sink to the depths of depravity of the Nazis who are trying to wipe out a religion, as of the Jews—or a nation as of the Poles whom the latest decree refuses to recognize as "human beings" or as "fellow Christians."

Free speech should only be exercised by free people—those of mature thought who have learned self-restraint, who can study the facts, weigh the source and then state their own position clearly and calmly—ready to listen as well as speak, open-minded to arguments but not willing to compromise with intolerance.

A F W A L ALL-OUT FOR VICTORY

MRS. HERMAN H. LOWE

President American Federation of Women's Auxiliaries of Labor is broadening its policies to include active participation in every war and peace effort. Our members are cooperating with the American Federation of Labor in an all-out effort to win an early victory, to secure a just peace, and by economic planning to obtain greater security for workers in the postwar period.

Since the adoption of the "War Activities" program at our convention in St. Louis, last June, a voluntary campaign of collective effort has high-lighted the activities of AFWAL members. Of course, it is supplemental to and compatible with the emergency program evolved by the various governmental agencies.

As president of the AFWAL, I have accepted invitations to serve on consumer-advisory committees of the Office of Price Administration, Standards Division and the War Production Board.

Secretary-Treasurer I. M. Orburn has been appointed by the Office of Price Administration to serve on its Labor Policy Committee. He is also a member of the Labor Advisory Committee of the Office of Defense Health and Welfare Services.

No greater incentive to double and redouble civilian efforts of the women's auxiliaries of labor unions could be given than a cablegram from General Douglas MacArthur, addressed to the American Federation of Women's Auxiliaries of Labor, in which he said: "Without the inspiration of the women of America, victory would be impossible." The AFWAL is all-out for that Victory!

BROUGHTON LAUDS MEMORY OF "DEMOCRACY APOSTLE" IN A CALL FOR OBSERVANCE

RALEIGH, April 6.—Calling Thomas Jefferson "the greatest apostle of democracy in the history of our nation," Governor Broughton asked the people of North Carolina today to observe April 13 as the 200th anniversary of Jefferson's birth.

Josephus Daniels, former ambassador to Mexico, to whom Broughton referred as "the foremost exponent of Jeffersonian democracy in the public life of our nation today," penned a tribute to Jefferson which the Governor included in his proclamation.

The proclamation: "The 200th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson recalls the historical record of North Carolina's consistent devotion to his teachings and its whole-hearted support of the great reforms he fathered. It is the proud distinction of our state that it made a supreme renunciation when it listened to and heeded the request of Mr. Jefferson at a few states should postpone the ratification of the Federal constitution until provisions guaranteeing the four freedoms had been incorporated in that immortal document. North Carolina and Rhode Island alone gave the full measure of devotion to the bill of rights when they elected to remain out of the new government until the right to speak, to worship, to assemble, to print were embedded in the greatest document ever struck off at one time by the hand of man. From its earliest settlement this state battled when fighting was necessary for freedom of religion and freedom of the press.

"In our day a successor of the sage of Monticello calls for the addition of the other essential rights in a democracy—freedom from fear and freedom from want. They are the essential and logical corollaries of the four freedoms which Jefferson's wish embalmed forever in our national chart.

"On this anniversary, on the occasion of the dedication of the Jefferson memorial in our national capital on April 13, the people of the whole country will pause to do honor to the author of the Declaration of Independence who, more than any of the fathers, set the new republic upon the road to the character of government which has become the example to all liberty-loving people of all eras. North Carolinians need no urging to make this anniversary a day of new dedication to freedom and peace."

DEFINITIONS

(Contributed to the Mine Workers Journal by Kern Dodge, Link-Belt Director, Philadelphia)

A Coordinator is a man who brings organized chaos out of regimented confusion.

A Conference is a group of men, who, individually can do nothing, but as a group can meet and decide that nothing can be done.

A Statistician is a man who draws a mathematically precise line from an unwarranted assumption to a foregone conclusion.

A Professor is a man whose job it is to tell students how to solve the problems of life which he himself has tried to avoid by becoming a professor.

An Efficiency Expert is a man who knows less about your business than you do and gets paid more for telling you how to run it than you could possibly make out of it even if you ran it right instead of the way he told you to.

A Consultant is an ordinary guy who is a long way from home.

American People Face Acid Test in Treasury's 2nd War Loan To Raise 13 Billion Dollars in Three Weeks

The Nation Dare Not Fail in This Greatest Financing Task in History—"They Give Their Lives—You Lend Your Money."

Washington, D. C.—Coming as it does upon the heels of income tax payments, the people of America will face an acid test this month when the Treasury's Second War Loan drive opens April 12 with an objective of thirteen billion dollars to be raised through sale of Government securities.

A substantial part of this huge financing, the most stupendous ever undertaken by any government in the world's history, must be loaned by people in ordinary walks of life.

High Government officials have pointed out that the nation must not fail in this duty to our men on the battle fronts who are now carrying the offensive to the enemy at every stage. It is obvious to every thinking man and woman that as the United Nations take this offensive against the dictators, the cost of war operations increases in proportion.

The American people must no longer think of war costs in terms of equipping a soldier, building a tank or plane or a ship. We must now think in terms of the cost of battles, invasions and new offensives. Attacking armies cost more money than equipping that army and we must meet that increased cost by buying more War Bonds and Second War Loan Securities.

They Give Their Lives. It is not only necessary that the American people left here at home assume this additional participation in the war effort—it is an honor to do so. . . . for we here at home can do no less than attempt to approach the sacrifices of our brave men out on the fighting fronts to whom the last great measure of sacrifice is but a daily offering. They give their lives. . . . we are asked only to lend our money.

And that is the theme of the Second War Loan, "They Give Their Lives—You Lend Your Money."

Financial experts who know monetary conditions in the nation point out that at the present time there is in liquid funds, cash and commercial bank deposits over and above taxes and present investment in Government Bonds, and over and

above what can be bought this year because of restrictions and rationing. . . . approximately 40 billions of dollars which should go into Government Bonds.

It should be the objective of every American to invest these loose dollars, idle dollars, in Government securities, not only from a patriotic standpoint, but from the standpoint of their own financial security. There is available during the Second War Loan a type of Security to fit every pocketbook.

Are Wild Dollars Every dollar of these forty billions of dollars available, which is not invested in Government securities during this War Loan Drive is a "wild" dollar which, together with its mates, will tend to increase inflation. Uncontrolled inflation might raise the cost of living to a point where the dollar is worthless. It can happen. It happened in Germany after the last war when the price of a loaf of bread cost more than an annual wage.

Invested in Government securities, your dollar will work for you. It will hold down inflation because it is harnessed in war work; it will help buy food, transportation, munitions for our boys on the front lines and it will be earning interest that, together with your original loan, will come back to you later to help you buy the things you cannot buy today. . . . to insure your peace of the future.

Remember those boys out there. . . . in Tunisia. . . . in the South Pacific. . . . They give their lives—You lend your money.

Free Labor Will Out-Produce Nazi Slaves