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### PRES. GREEN RESERVES COMMENT ON PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S WAGE FREEZE ORDER; TALKS WITH BYRNES

NEW YORK, April 12. —WILLIAM GREEN, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR, TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS LAST NIGHT THAT THE FEDERATION IS "RESERVING DECISION" ON PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S "HOLD THE LINE" WAGE FREEZE ORDER. "WE ARE CONFERRING WITH (JAMES F.) BYRNES, THE ECONOMIC STABILIZATION DIRECTOR, ON ITS SCOPE AND APPLICATION," HE SAID.

Green, clarifying an earlier statement to a general press conference, said he could not be quoted as being either in favor of or against the order.

At the general meeting with the press, the A. F. of L. head declined to comment directly on the statement of John L. Lewis, president, who attacked the President's order. He told that gathering he had not read the Lewis statement. After it was outlined, he commented:

"We in labor know enough about economics to know fully that if the inflation spiral gets out of control, it is labor, the workingmen and women, who will suffer most. They will be the victims. We deem it our duty to guard against such a catastrophe." That statement, he said later, should not be interpreted as meaning that the Federation either was for or against President Roosevelt's freeze order.

The press conference was in connection with a meeting of Curtiss-Wright corporation officials with government and labor leaders.

Purpose of the session was to launch a drive in the warplane company and among the 1,350,000 persons in its affiliated organizations to increase production and curtail absenteeism.

James B. Carey, secretary-treasurer of the C. I. O. present at the conference, declined to comment on the President's order.

Green and Carey were asked to comment on Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker's campaign against war plant absenteeism. Carey said he thought the World War I era was "rendering a great disservice to his nation because of his lack of understanding of the underlying causes of wilful absenteeism."

"Wilful absenteeism," Carey said, "is insignificant in comparison with

the loss of man hours brought about by readjustments that must be made when our nation, for the first time, is reaching the point of fully utilizing all its resources."

Green said that Rickenbacker, in "his standing as a great hero," has "rendered a great disservice to industry and labor," and "lacks a complete and thorough understanding of the causes of absenteeism and managerial and labor problems that arise at each industrial plant."

Charles E. Wilson, executive chairman of the War Production board, who also participated both in the program and the press conference, said of the government's attitude on absenteeism:

"It is still regarded as a very considerable problem," adding that management-labor-government conferences are among the "best instruments to cure the underlying cause."

Asked whether the drafting of labor would be a cause, he replied that "the present plan is obviously not to draft labor."

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"And in learning to use them we shall strike a pattern for peacetime co-operation that will be used again and again," the nominal head of the nation's war production continued, "for war—terrible tragedy that it is we must travel."

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### Teamster Risks Life In Saving Of Truck Tires

Francis N. Smith, member of Teamster's local 75, Greenbay, Wis., believes in "keeping 'em rolling" even if he has to risk his life to do it. His recent action resulted in burned hands and a citation from U. S. Rubber Director William Jeffers.

Smith's trailer caught fire while on a trip and his fire fighting equipment proved inadequate in combating the blaze. The driver jacked up the heavy trailer while the blaze roared about

him. His hands were burned—but he saved the tires. A fire truck arrived as he reached the fifth tire and he was removed to a hospital for treatment.

Director Jeffers praised the heroism of Smith and sent him a citation which read: "At the risk of serious injury, your interest in conserving rubber is both unusual and gratifying. I feel that you deserve to be commended for the very fine spirit which promoted that act."

IT'S LABOR'S WAR — LET'S FIGHT—WITH PAY DOLLARS IN WAR BONDS.

### This WEEK, This WORLD

—by Ted Friend—

THE UNITED STATES will be the power of balance in the postwar balance of power! Remove America, through one form or another of isolationism, from participation in world problems, and the British Empire will be compelled to orient its foreign policy in the direction of Soviet Russia. Affiliation between the British and Russians will of necessity force the Chinese to do the same.

This would an American isolationism drive two of its three principle allies towards identification with Sovietism rather than with American Jeffersonian democracy.

Quite the reverse will happen if the United States accepts its share of world leadership after the war. Great Britain will gravitate toward the United States albeit eager to co-operate with Russia in Eastern Europe. China, traditional friend of the United States, will become the Far Eastern bastion of democracy. The regenerated nations, particularly France, Holland, Poland, Norway and Greece, trusting in the strength and good neighborliness of the United States, will similarly lend their support to the democratic cause.

Of necessity Russia will have to move and adjust itself accordingly. The United States, in other words, has it within its power to compel the major peoples of the world to unite for the maintenance of peace and the making of a better world.

That the British, endlessly wise in the art of political divination, realize that they must link themselves in considerable permanency with the United States and/or Russia is made plain in Prime Minister Winston Churchill's March 21st address in which he suggested the organization of regional councils for Europe and Asia with the obvious inference that a similar council of Western Hemisphere nations, possibly an enlarged and re-enforced Pan-American Union, would follow as a natural consequence.

Clearly, the three regional councils, European, Asiatic and New World, would join in a powerful world organization which would establish and maintain world law and order. It will be a great temptation to political charlatans to brand a weary postwar electorate a sell of isolationism which, similar to that which followed the last war, contributed so generously to the making of the present war. To achieve such a nefarious purpose all manner of demagogues may be expected to join up under a single banner for the purposes of sabotaging world liberalism, including the subversivists, isolationists, fascists, anti-laborites, anti-Semites, frontiers, shirters, klanners and plain racketeers.

BEG IT, or borrow it or buy it . . .

but READ IT! "Is Germany Incurable?" by Richard M. Brickner, M.D. (Lippincott). A psychiatric treatise on the German people. A keen analysis of the influences which make the Germans a recurring and ruthless menace to peace and security.

VIA THE GRAPEVINE . . . CZECHOSLOVAKIA. Production of completed aircraft in the so-called Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia has been halted by German authorities because of their inability to stop sabotage . . . BELGIUM. Occupation troops have thrown a cordon around several quarters of Brussels following the killing of five German army officers including two senior officers . . . THE NETHERLANDS. Five Catholic priests accused of opposing mobilization orders have been arrested in The Hague by the Gestapo . . . NORWAY. Six Norwegians have been seized as hostages following the explosion of a time bomb on a German transport ship in Trondheim harbor.

STRATEGY DEPT. The best military guess is that Hitler, his military back all but against the wall, may attempt one fling in an effort to wrest victory from the United Nations. Best opinion is that the all-out effort, into which the Nazis will put their every available ounce of energy, will be against the British Isles.

INSIDE-STRAIGHT: Mexico is readying a military mission to Africa to study Allied fighting methods . . . Brig. Gen. Thomas H. Green, who has just been transferred from Hawaii where he was executive officer to the Military Governor, is in line for the post in Africa and Italy for which La Guardia was slated; one else he will work with La Guardia . . . Blondes in England are almost non-existent due to chemical shortages . . . It's a bet that hot dogs won't be sold at ball games this summer . . . The French island of Guadeloupe will break away from Vichy control almost any day . . . Good news is on its way concerning new great American victories in the Pacific . . . The O. W. I. faces a stiff fight from Congress within a few weeks . . . China will soon announce the streamlining of its army to insure better equipment and supplies.

### C. L. ALBEA MAKES STATEMENT TO VOTERS AS TO PAST SERVICE; HIS KNOWLEDGE IS OF BENEFIT

"To the Voters of Charlotte:

"I am announcing my candidacy for re-election to the city council, where it has been my privilege and pleasure to serve 12 consecutive years.

Through the discharge of my duties as a councilman I have endeavored to show my appreciation of the friendly political support given to me, and if re-elected I shall try to merit that support.

"It is unnecessary for me to present to the voters of Charlotte a platform telling the policies I favor and will maintain. The people of Charlotte know my record. I am seeking re-election solely on that record.

"The next two years will be difficult for our community, because of the wartime necessities. While dealing with the urgent problems of today our city government also must take a long range view in preparing for other problems that will arise after victory again has been won in war. My knowledge of our city government's machinery and my experience in dealing with our public affairs will be of value. I am confident, during these next two years.

"I have been guided in my service as a councilman by a determination to be firm, just and fair, striving always for the betterment of our best community interests—that will be my attitude if I am re-elected."

### MRS. W. M. WITTER OPERATED ON IN NEW YORK CITY

Mrs. W. M. Witter, wife of the publisher of The Journal, and well known in Organized Labor Circles in N. C., underwent an operation Tuesday morning at the LeRoy Sanatorium, 40 East 61st street,

New York City. She had been in the hospital over a week prior to the operation, which was of a serious nature. News received was that she was doing as well as could be expected. The "Madam"—or the "Boss"—as the boys in the shop call her, has been sorely missed at the Journal office, and we are all pulling for her speedy recovery and return to the work which is near and dear to her heart.

### BAXTER MAKES A STATEMENT AS TO HIS CANDIDACY AND WHAT HE STANDS FOR

To the Editor Charlotte Labor Journal:

A few Sundays ago our Pastor took as his text "Let Every Man Be Persuaded in His Own Mind." This quotation could be applied to business or politics as well as religion. As I have entered the race for Mayor of Charlotte, my remarks may be construed to be political, but using the above quotation as a thought, these few remarks will be just plain common sense.

The American way of voting is that after a study is made of the different candidates for office, the voter, himself, decides who is the best man to vote for. Each voter should decide whether experience counts in seeking higher governmental jobs as it does in labor and in business.

I feel that my six years on the City Council, and the experience gained in the knowledge of our City's business, qualifies me for asking the voters to support me in my campaign for the Mayor of Charlotte. While at the City Hall I served as Chairman of the Police Committee and the Finance Committee as well as other important committees which further qualifies me for the high office I am seeking.

I believe in politics. If it were not for the freedom of the press, speech,

and the town meeting idea, we would today be in the same fix that Germany, Japan, and Italy are, where one party is in control.

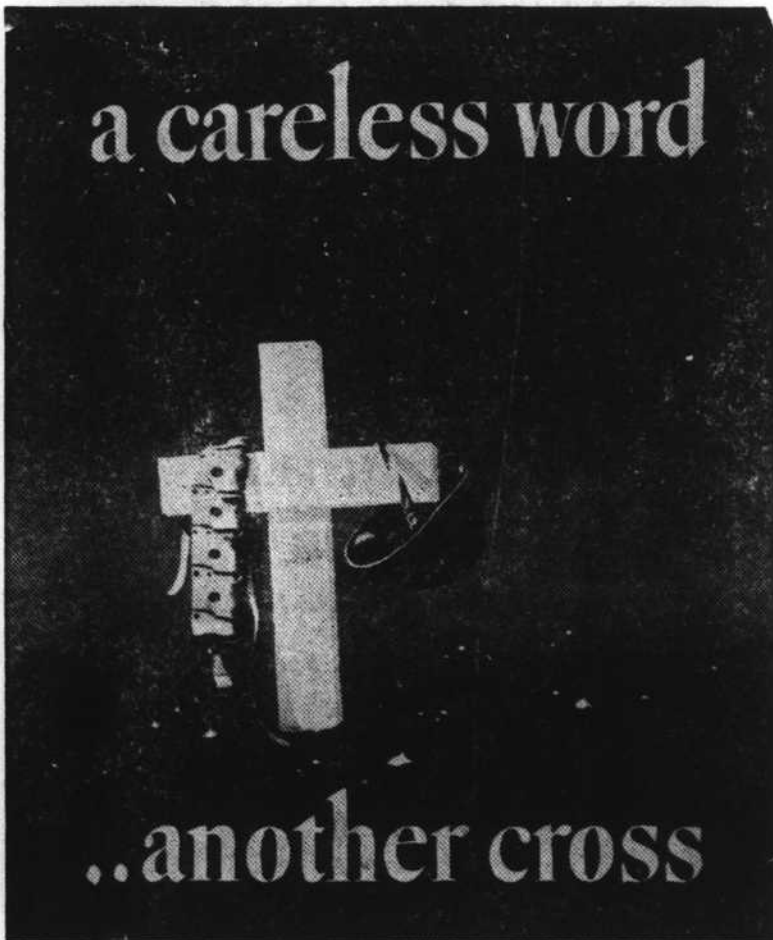
I believe in unions. Any organization bound together for a common purpose with a co-operative attitude towards its problems is bound to succeed.

Banks could not exist without depositors and labor could not exist without work. I have constantly voted for projects such as Housing Projects, the construction of the Memorial Hospital, and the Airport. One of the planks in my platform is that I will actively solicit new industries to come to Charlotte in the interest of larger payrolls.

I am not going to the expense to have an uptown office or to employ a campaign manager.

H. H. BAXTER.

### THE PRICE OF CARELESSNESS



This OWI poster, prepared for general distribution, pictures graphically how war rumors spread by lively tongues end in tragedy. "Think Before You Talk," warns OWI.



"They Give Their Lives—You Lend Your Money."

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

### THE MARCH OF LABOR

AMERICAN UNIONS ARE SENDING MILLIONS OF UNION-MADE CIGARETTES TO OUR BOYS OVERSEAS.

YOU HELP BOMB BERLIN-TOKYO-ROME; YOU HELP PREVENT INFLATION; YOU HELP MAKE YOUR OWN FINANCIAL FUTURE MORE SECURE — ALL THIS YOU DO WHEN YOU BUY 10% OF YOUR PAY INTO WAR BONDS!



IN THE EARLY 19TH CENTURY, ENGLAND FIXED BY LAW THE LENGTH OF APPRENTICESHIP IN CERTAIN INDUSTRIES, AS IN WEAVING, WHERE IT WAS 7 YEARS.

HELP YOURSELF AND CREAMED LABOR BY PURCHASING ONLY UNION-MADE HATS — BEARING THIS LABEL



BENTON COUNTY, ARK., HAD THE FIRST STRIKE IN THE 105 YEARS OF EXISTENCE IN 1941, WHEN CALLED OUT BY THE TEAMSTERS UNION. THEY DEMANDED A 60-HOUR WEEK AND THREE CENTS A MILE.

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