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"ORGANIZED LABOR FOR VICTORY RALLY," CALLED FOR SUNDAY, 3 P.M. AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

All organized labor—the AFL, CIO, and Railroad Brotherhoods—and the public throughout North Carolina have been invited to an "Organized Labor for Victory Rally" Sunday afternoon, May 9, at 3 P.M. at the Mecklenburg County Courthouse, said an announcement today by the Charlotte district agency, Office of Price Administration.

High officials of the Federal Government, including Robert R. Brooks, national director of OPA's labor division in Washington, will address the meeting. Other speakers will include regional representatives of the War Production Board and the War Labor Board in Atlanta.

Plans for the rally, which will be sponsored by OPA's newly-organized Labor Advisory Committee here, were completed at a meeting Monday at OPA headquarters in the Law Building.

"The purpose of the rally," the committee stated, "is to promote a better understanding among labor, Government and the public of the mechanics of operating a nation at war, and to form a better mutual comprehension of the problems of both labor and management."

"The gathering will be open to the public, and it will be known as 'Organized Labor for Victory Rally.'"

The district advisory committee of the OPA comprises H. G. Fisher, Salisbury; J. A. Moore, Charlotte; Cy Chisholm, Winston-Salem, American Federation of Labor; H. L. Beatty, Charlotte; O. L. Trigg, Greensboro, and H. A. Stalls, Charlotte, International Typographical Union; J. H. Fullerton, Horace A. Bean and L. B. Holden, Charlotte, Congress of Industrial Organization; T. V. Griswold, Charlotte, Railway Trainmen; W. H. Holmes, Gastonia, Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

LOCAL LEADERSHIP

By RUTH TAYLOR

Organized Labor is justifiably disturbed at the growing anti-labor sentiment so vocally expressed in many quarters today.

Labor, however, has not itself been entirely guiltless. Any advertising man, whether his media be newspaper, magazine or radio—or the local paper—can testify that unheralded merchandise seldom gets repeat orders. The public must be continually re-sold on the product.

Organized Labor has neglected its re-selling job. The country was originally sold on Organized Labor through a national campaign. But the re-selling has to be done locally. Anti-labor legislation stems from the community. Legislators are not for anti-labor legislation when the people who elected them are sold on labor. It is the power of public opinion, not the legislators, that determines the vote on any measure.

You can't win consistently in a democracy without the support of public opinion. Remember, fortunately or unfortunately, as the case may be, the kind of a member of Organized Labor you are, will determine what your neighbors in your community will think of Organized Labor. Therefore, in order to maintain the right attitude toward Organized Labor in the community, the development of

Officers Nominated At I. T. U. Meeting Sunday Afternoon

At the regular monthly meeting of Charlotte Typo. Union No. 338 Sunday afternoon the following officers were nominated for the ensuing year: President—C. J. Pridden. Vice-President—Claude L. Albea. Sec.-Treas.—O. N. Burgess. Rec. Sec.—Howard L. Beatty. Sgt.-at-Arms—J. C. Metcalf. Auditing Committee—C. R. Austin, R. L. Luna, L. H. Pickens.

Allied Printing Trades Council—H. A. Stalls, Claude L. Albea, A. B. Furr, Howard L. Beatty, H. A. Lawing. Delegate to I. T. U. Convention—Claude L. Albea, J. B. Felmet. Delegate to Virginia-Carolinas Typographical Conference—L. H. Pickens, H. A. Stalls, J. T. Primm, O. N. Burgess. Election to be held May 19th.

"Mary had a little watch; she swallowed it—it's gone. Now, everywhere that Mary walks—time marches on."—Unknown.

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This WEEK, This WORLD

by Ted Friend

NEVER LET IT BE SAID that the great State of Mississippi does not run true to form! Highest in Lynching and lowest in literacy, Mississippi manages to further highlight its unsavory civic picture by sending the redoubtable John E. Rankin to Washington as one of its representatives.

The history of the United States Congress records some choice examples of crackpots. Every session of the Congress has brought forth a few political throw-backs for its more sagacious members to ponder over. But it is doubtful if the roll call of mountebanks, numbskulls, ward-healers and plain screwballs, has ever betrayed so nauseating an example of legislative puerility as Rep. Rankin.

Rankin has made a political jackass out of himself on numerous occasions but his most recent effusion, in support of his newly acquired colleague, Col. Comrade Joseph Stalin of the Soviet State of Georgia, makes him out to be an even greater fool than most people had hitherto judged him to be.

Rising with all the fury of a Mississippi Mudcat about to swallow a mouthful of debris, Rep. Rankin recently said: "A short time ago Stalin caught a couple of these troublemakers named Ehrlich and Alter, tried and convicted them of treason and executed both of them. I see a certain element of Communist press now ringing with denunciation of Russia's action in the matter!"

Of course, it wasn't the Communist press which denounced Communist Stalin at all! The Communist press had neither the courage nor sense to do so. It was the anti-Communist press which denounced Stalin's act of terror against labor leaders Ehrlich and Alter, who, incidentally, were not Russian but Polish citizens. Further it was the American labor press, as well as high ranking officials of the American Federation of Labor, not to forget forthright American such as Mayor LaGuardia of New York, who rung out with denunciations against the Soviet deed.

Regrettably, it will continue for a long time to be one of the manifestations of democracy that tin-horn statesmen of the caliber of Rankin, Dies, O'Daniel, Reynolds, Hoffman and Fish will worm their way into public life. Fortunately for the American people, however, these sad examples of electoral irresponsibility will always manage, if given the opportunity, to talk themselves into oblivion. Or failing that, into ineffectuality.

In spite of the backward Rep. John E. Rankin, of the backward State of Mississippi, America need not despair!

THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO

COME: . . . Foreign Minister Gunther of Sweden will be replaced shortly by a pro-United Nations diplomat . . . Russia and China will soon enter into a deal which will bring Russian aid to the Chinese in their war with the Japs . . . July may be the "Zero Month" in Europe . . . The Balkan trio, Roumania, Bulgaria and Hungary, will be the next to try a peace offensive for Hitler.

THAT THE LONGEST WAY around is sometimes the shortest way home is evidenced by the report that the United States is receiving shipments of rubber from Russia which the Soviets are buying for American use from the Japs!

THE UNDERGROUND FRONT continues its ceaseless fight to the despair of the Axis! Belgian officials in London report armed, masked patriots raiding Pieton Station in Hainault Province. Ordering everyone to alight, including the locomotive driver and stoker, the train was restarted to crash into another train ahead. From Prague come reports which reveal an explosion, followed by a devastating fire, causing much damage to an armament factory in the Brno suburb of Durych. In France the mayor of Commune in Var is arrested with his staff for anti-Italian propaganda! In the Netherlands unknown patriots, dressed in the uniforms of Amsterdam policemen, raid the Amsterdam Population Register Building, overpower the police and citizen guards, and set the building afire! In Poland bridges are blown up, railways demolished and station installations destroyed!

Subjugated territory? Hitler wishes it were so!

MRS. WITTER OPERATED ON AGAIN

A wire received from New York Wednesday informs The Journal that Mrs. W. M. Witter will undergo another operation Thursday (today). As yet no details have reached Charlotte as to the nature of the case. She was reported as able to be up on Tuesday A. M.

CITIZENS' TICKET (IRON DUKES) ELECTS 7 COUNCILMEN—PEOPLE'S TICKET (BLOCKS OF GRANITE) GETS FOUR ON COUNCIL AND MAYOR

In one of the hardest fought local political battles in recent years the Citizens' ticket (Iron Dukes) won a majority of Councilmen over the People's ticket (Blocks of Granite)—7 to 4—with the mayor a member of the minority ticket. The vote in Tuesday's primary (unofficial) follows:

- A. Z. Price, 6,895.
 - Charles H. Daughtry, 6,844.
 - J. A. Baker, 6,670.
 - L. H. Painter, 6,593.
 - J. Murrey Atkins, 6,563.
 - Lester W. Slye, 6,490.
 - Joe Cope, 6,214.
- The above seven were Citizens' candidates.
- Claude L. Albea, 6,179.
 - John Ward, 6,000.
 - W. Irving Bullard, 6,036.
 - W. N. (Bub) Hovis, 5,776.
- The above four were People's candidates.

The votes of the eight candidates eliminated were: Ralph Hood, People's 5,734; M. Luther Harkey, People's 5,520; J. I. (Jimmie) Campbell, People's 5,349; Joe S. Robinson, 1,018; J. B. Thomas, 751; William (Ed) Norton, 723; C. D. Brady, 621; and Abraham Homsy, 388, Independents.

In the school board contest the four incumbents won. E. Lowell Mason, former Central high school and Duke university star football player, was eliminated. The vote was: Rev. Herbert Spough, 8,138; Marshall E. Lake, 5,880; J. E. Burnside, 5,790; Roy L. Smart, 5,568; and Mason 4,619.

Mayor Baxter received 5,850 votes to elect him to head the city government for the next two years. He had eliminated Mayor Ernst McA. Currie in the primary by a lead of 325 votes.

MAYOR BAXTER MAKES STATEMENT: "Now that the people have spoken, all members of the council will consider the progress of Charlotte the one important thing. A united effort for harmony and good government will be the motto at the city hall. I am sure that the new city council will function with this single purpose in mind—the best interests of the city first, last and always—with each department striving to co-operate toward that end."

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