

## WOLL DESCRIBES TEN NEW LABOR WAR RELIEF PROJECTS FOR BRITISH WORKERS

MORE THAN HALF A MILLION DOLLARS CONTRIBUTED BY AMERICAN LABOR WILL BUILD TEN NEW WAR RELIEF PROJECTS FOR BRITISH WORKERS IN 1943, IT WAS REVEALED IN A JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED BY MATTHEW WOLL, PRESIDENT OF UNITED NATIONS RELIEF—AFL, AND IRVING ABRAMSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL CIO COMMITTEE FOR AMERICAN AND ALLIED WAR RELIEF.

AUGMENTED BY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE RAILROAD BROTHERHOODS, THEY STATED, THE DONATIONS OF ORGANIZED LABOR WILL ENABLE THE BRITISH WAR RELIEF SOCIETY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BRITISH TRADES UNION CONGRESS, TO PROVIDE "REST BREAKS," HOSPITALS, REST HOMES, WEEK-END-CAMPS, AN DMOBILE RELIEF UNITS FOR EM-BATTLED BRITISH WORKERS.

IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE LABOR OFFICIALS, BERTRAM DE N. CRUGER, REPRESENTATIVE IN GREAT BRITAIN OF THE BRITISH WAR RELIEF SOCIETY OF AMERICA, GAVE A GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW PROJECTS.

MOST IMPORTANT, SAID MR. CRUGER, ARE EIGHT "REST-BREAK" HOMES FOR MEN AND WOMEN THROUGHOUT ENGLAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND. THESE MEN AND WOMEN, EXHAUSTED AND WORN OUT AFTER NEARLY FOUR YEARS OF LABOR UNDER NERVE-SHATTERING CONDITIONS OF WAR, ARE GIVEN A BRIEF RESPIRE FROM THEIR EXACTING DUTIES AND ARE ENABLED TO RETURN TO THEIR JOBS REFRESHED AND INVIGORATED.

"THIS IS HOW BRITAIN MEETS THE PROBLEM OF ABSENTEE-ISM," COMMENTED MR. WOLL. "THE PROBLEM WAS INITIALLY ATTACKED WITH A HUE AND CRY BY PUBLICISTS AND OTHERS WHO IMPUGNED THE PATRIOTISM OF BRITISH WORKERS. LABOR MINISTER ERNEST BEVIN INSISTED FROM THE BEGINNING THAT ABSENTEEISM RESULTED FROM SICKNESS, FATIGUE, AND OVER-WORK; IN TIME THE REST OF THE COUNTRY FOUND HIS ANALYSIS TO BE CORRECT."

## AGRICULTURAL ASTORS ARE HIJACKING OUR CONGRESS

The Agricultural Astors of the nation, big cotton plantation owners, and other wealthy farmers, well represented in the "Farm Bloc" of Senate and House, are determined to keep prices up, and little farmers down.

In 1942, some 60,000 farmers had an average income of about \$19,800, while millions of farmers had under \$600.

From March 1941 to March 1942 the selling price of farm lands increased nearly two billion dollars.

The Agricultural Astors got the big incomes, and most of the increase in farm land values, as well as most of Government conservation payments in the past.

The battle is on between the Agricultural Astors—who want higher prices for farm products, and consumers, who want subsidies to small farmers for essential high cost production.

The Farm Security Administration is helping the small farmer, and the consumer.

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## HERE'S ONE FOR RICKENBACKER TO PONDER ON

This story is dedicated to labor baiters everywhere. . . His name is Jose Martinez, 50-year-old member of the National Maritime union. . . He is guilty of absenteeism, and he will be absent for a long, long time. . . We think the congressmen now framing antilabor bills should know about it.

Martinez sailed as a fireman on a ship that was torpedoed. . . After 19 days in a lifeboat with 11 other seamen he was rescued. . . When Jose came ashore no newsreel men or reporters came to interview him. No-body asked him his views on anything. . . Even had he been asked what he thought of things he would not have said much. He was a quiet sort of guy, who didn't blow his horn. . . And after resting a few weeks in a Baltimore hospital, and feeling that he wasn't doing enough to win the war, he went to the Baltimore branch of the Red Cross and gave a pint of his blood.

Then Jose sailed in a convoy to Murmansk. For eight days it was bombed. The ship he was on was hit, but it made port. Then, after returning to the U. S., he shipped out again, and this time the ship he was on was sunk, and Jose was lost with it. . . The other day the National Maritime union reported that Jose Martinez, who had no living kin, had made the Red Cross beneficiary of his insurance policy. . . In the sum of \$5,000.

—Walter Winchel's Column.

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Sale of bonds to military personnel began a year and has shown a substantial increase every month. The latest report was for February because, with forces in all parts of the world, some reports are necessarily slow in getting to the War Department.

Civilian employees in the War Department purchase \$10,345,000 in bonds during February, also an increase over the previous month.

## New Eligibility Requirements For Enrollment WAAC

Candidates for enrollment in the WAAC, under new educational and intelligence requirements, must have completed at least two years of high school and must score at least 60 in the WAAC mental alertness test in order to be eligible. Previously there were no fixed educational requirements, and the minimum score in the mental alertness test was 50.

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