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LABOR MEETING AT COUNTY COURTHOUSE SUNDAY AFTERNOON, UNDER AUSPICES OFFICE PRICE ADMINISTRATION, ONE OF MUCH INTEREST

At a public meeting held at the Mecklenburg County Courthouse on last Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the District Labor Advisory Committee of the Office of Price Administration for Western North Carolina, members of organized labor were asked to help roll back the cost of living to a reasonable level and to hold them there for the duration of the war. To help check inflation and to support the wage stabilization program.

Pre-meeting music was provided by the Alexander Junior High School Band on the courthouse yard. The entire meeting was opened by L. W. Driscoll, Director of the Western North Carolina District Office of Price Administration, who introduced J. A. McDougall, Carolinas Manager of the War Production Board who presided.

Invocation was by Dr. Luther Little, pastor of the First Baptist Church. H. H. Baxter, mayor-elect of Charlotte, welcomed the meeting to Charlotte. Mr. McDougall then introduced Dr. W. T. Van Hecke of Atlanta, Chairman Southeastern Region of the War Labor Board, who addressed the gathering on "The Unions and Wage Stabilization." Mr. Van Hecke spoke of the duties of the War Labor Board and explained in detail the method used in arriving at decisions on wage increases.

Sam S. Douglass of Atlanta, Labor Consultant for the War Production Board, had as his topic "Labor and War Production." Mr. Douglass told of great strides made in the industrial plants of the nation and predicted that in the coming months still greater flow of the tools of war would be coming from these plants. He expressed a desire that more labor management committees would be established in the war plants in this area and stressed the fact that these committees are careful to avoid activities normally carried on by labor unions.

Mr. Robert R. R. Brooks, of

Washington, D. C., National Director of the Labor Office of the O.P.A. next addressed the meeting. He told of the increase in the cost of living since 1941 and said, "Unless the cost of living can be lowered and held, industrial workers, whose wages have been frozen and who have, in many instances, had strict limits placed upon their freedom to move from one job to another, cannot be expected to give their enthusiasm and strength to war production while others profiteer at their expense." Mr. Brooks called attention to the dollar and cents ceiling prices established in 150 cities throughout the nation and predicted other decreases in the next few weeks. The attendance at the meeting was cut down considerably by the lack of transportation from adjoining cities and towns. But what was lacking in attendance was made up in part by the apparent desire of those present to get all the information possible. The gathering was very representative of organized labor in this section. Among the leaders of labor in attendance were: C. A. Fink, President; H. L. Kiser, Vice President; H. G. Fisher, Sect.-Treas. of the North Carolina Federation of Labor; E. L. Sandifear, Director of Congress of Industrial Organization for the Carolinas; H. A. Stalls, president of Allied Printing Trades Council of Charlotte; Claude L. Albee, Vice President Charlotte Typographical Union and former Vice President North Carolina Federation of Labor.

AFL SURVEY SAYS WAGE INCREASES HAVE LITTLE EFFECT ON INFLATION

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The current inflation threats come dominantly from the "drive of the farm lobby on Congress to legislate higher prices for the entire country," the federation survey said.

The report presented figures from the War Labor Board and the Department of Commerce which showed that "less than 3 per cent of the increase in consumer buying power since October has been due to wage increases. "More than 97 per cent" it added

"has been received by business men, farmers, wealthy individuals, workers who have recently been employed or work longer hours and others who have not received wage increases.

"Workers have repeatedly offered to take their wage increases in war bonds. They are using an important part of their wages to buy war bonds. The main check on inflationary effects of increased buying power is rationing of scarce products; this is a government responsibility. Rationing has fallen far short of the need."

Describing inflation as "America's public enemy No. 1 on the home front," the survey continued:

"Labor asks: Is this new crisis to be met by controls of the fascist type or by the perfection of our existing democratic machinery? Controls imposed by the Federal Government."

NATION'S LEADERS WILL HONOR AFL AT BIG LABOR FOR VICTORY RALLY

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A monster "Labor For Victory" rally will help in the nation's capital by the American Federation of Labor on the night of May 21.

Leaders of the Government, the armed forces, Congress and industry

TEN MILLION "BUDDY POPPIES" GO ON SALE SATURDAY, MAY 21 BY VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Ten million poppies—"Buddy Poppies"! Symbols of America's purest patriotism, symbols of the readiness of Americans everywhere and always to dedicate their lives, if need be, to the aims and ideals for which we, as a nation, stand. Ten million Buddy Poppies, the 1943 goal of the Veterans of Foreign Wars annual national Memorial Week Sale.

"Buddy Poppies!" Poignant reminders of the last war, fashioned yearly by the fingers of disabled ex-servicemen in government hospitals throughout the country, christened by the men themselves "Buddy Poppies," these little flowers stand today as undying symbols of the heroic achievement of our fighting men everywhere.

There is no nobler purpose than that to which the Buddy Poppies are dedicated. They are sold to aid needy veterans, servicemen and their dependents. This year, with our country in the midst of war, the appeal of the Buddy Poppies takes on added significance in that they bring direct aid to the men who are now members of our armed forces. They bring aid, too, to the nearest and dearest whom

these brave heroes leave behind, for a part of the proceeds of the annual Sale is allocated to the F.V.W. National Home for Widows and Orphans of Ex-Servicemen.

Saturday, May 29th, has been selected as Buddy Poppy Day throughout the Nation for the 1943 Sale, making the twenty-first consecutive year of the V.F.W. appeal. By increasing the number of Buddy Poppies sold on that day, the organization's local, state and national relief programs are proportionately extended to meet the exigencies of the current emergency.

Ten million Buddy Poppies blooming on Memorial Day. Through them YOU can help make it possible for the flow of relief funds to increase this year as the needs mount.

will join with trade union chiefs in celebrating the tremendous contributions to victory made by the six million members of the American Federation of Labor.

The chief address will be made by AFL President William Green. Stage and screen celebrities will vie with outstanding heroes of the nation's armed forces in paying tribute to the exploits of America's soldiers of production in winning the battle of production.

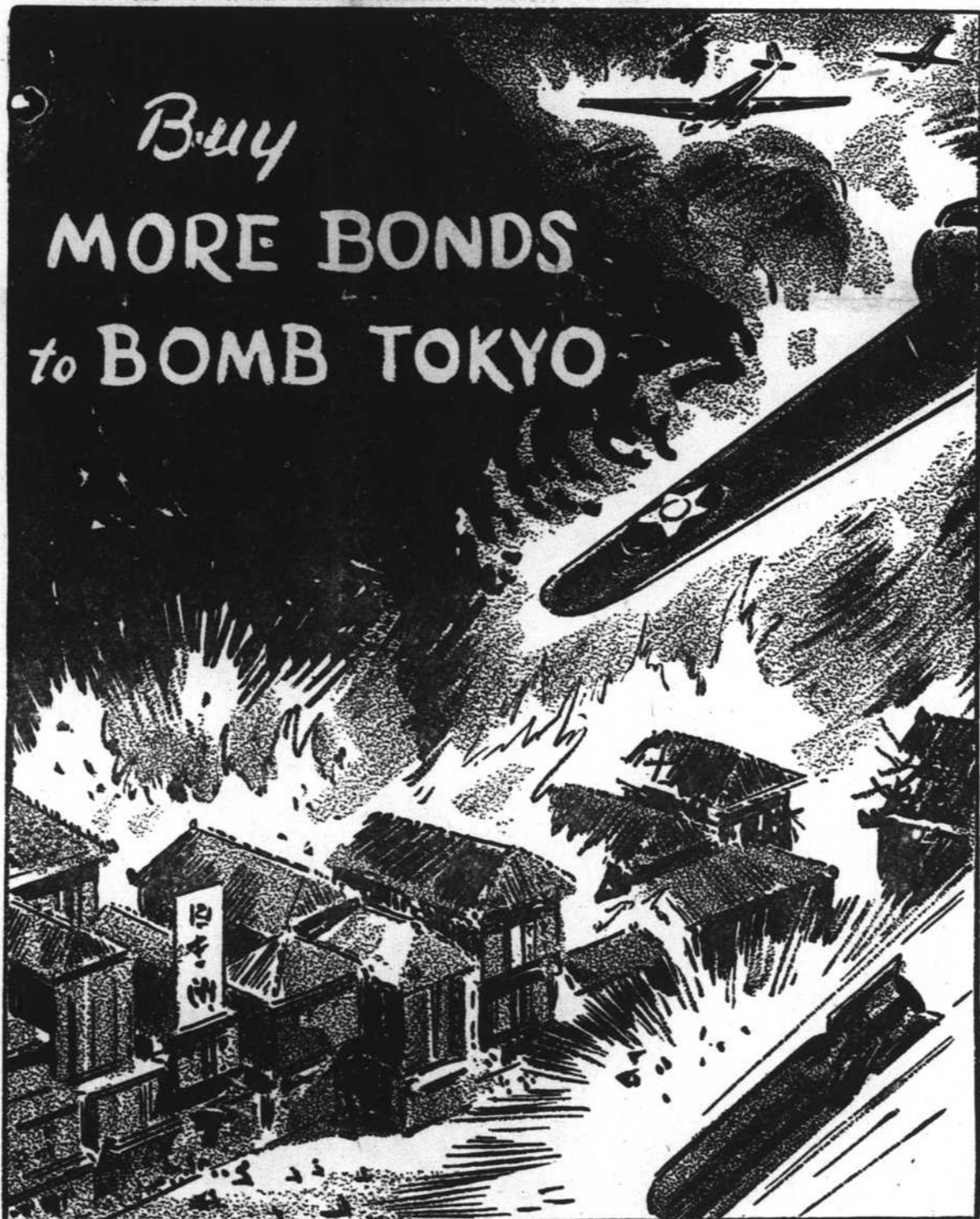
The meeting will be held in historic Constitution Hall, under the auspices of the Washington, D. C., Central Labor Union.

MRS. WITTER IMPROVING

A long distance phone talk on Wednesday Morning with Mrs. W. M. Witter, who is convalescing from a second operation in the LeRoy Sanatorium, New York City, gives The Journal the cheering news that she is improving, though still unable to be up. If no complications set in, the doctors say she will soon be able to be up and around.

2,991,287 Are Employed By U. S. Government

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Civilian employment in the executive branch of the Federal Government totaled 2,992,877 on March 31, 1943, a net increase of 1,065,213 or 55 per cent, over the 1,926,074 recorded at the end of March, 1942, the United States Civil Service Commission divulged.



PRES. GREEN ENDORSES "POPPY DAY," VETERANS FOREIGN WARS

[William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, expressed the following endorsement for the 1943 Buddy Poppy Sale of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.—Ed.]

"Americans who value their liberties most correspondingly appreciate the services of those who have made possible the preservation of those liberties and the protection of our nation."

"The practice of wearing a "Buddy Poppy" on Memorial Day each year symbolizes not alone our desire to commemorate the sacrifices of those who gave their lives for our country, but also our wish to help those veterans and their families who may be in need of financial assistance today. Despite the manifold increase demands being made upon us at this time we should make an extra effort to generously support the sale of "Buddy Poppies" for Memorial Day, 1943."

AMERICAN HEROES BY LEFF



"Shooting Fool" is who they called Pvt. Charles Zuke, of Big Rapids, Mich., because in line of duty he shot down 22 Jap snipers in New Guinea. He twice bagged Japs who were trying to pick off his captain, saving the officer's life. No sniper's nest is safe from his Garand rifle. We help put Garand rifles in our heroes' hands with every War Bond bought.

BUY BONDS AND BOMBS

By BEN FAUCETT
It's Bonds and Bombs that double-time the Axis gangsters' woe
By bringing retribution to Berlin and Tokyo,
Also to Mussolini's towns, which often feel the might
Of Bombs dropped from our Airplanes as they double up their flight;
To make these big "Block-Buster" Bombs keep up their "syncopation"
We must keep up our record as the "Champ" Bomb Buying Nation—
Therefore, from Wages that you earn first take out 10 PER CENT,
OR MORE, for U. S. Bonds and Stamps—it's Money Saved, not spent!
—Nashville Trades and Labor News.

"Free Labor Will Win!"

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

THE JOURNAL has by far the largest city circulation of any weekly published in Charlotte. Your ad in The Journal will bring results from the workers.

M. C. Feinstone Dies At Age 64; United Hebrew Trades Official

NEW YORK CITY—Morris C. Feinstone, secretary-treasurer of the United Hebrew Trades, died of a heart attack in his home in the Park Central Hotel. He was 64 years old. Well known in labor circles throughout the country, he was a close friend and associate of President William Green of the American Federation of Labor and the late President Samuel Gompers. He was active for many years in Jewish welfare organizations and in the movement for the upbuilding of Palestine. Mr. Feinstone was born in Warsaw. Coming to the United States in 1910 he joined the labor movement and spent the rest of his life in behalf of the workers in the needle and other trades.

WAR BOND QUIZ

- Q. If War Savings Stamps should be lost, stolen, or destroyed, can they be replaced?
A. No. They should be kept in a safe place and exchanged for War Savings Bonds at the earliest opportunity.
- Q. When do War Savings Bonds mature?
A. Ten years from the issue date.
- Q. Can a Bond be issued in the names of two persons as co-owners?



- A. Yes, but only individuals may be so named. Corporations, associations, churches, and lodges may not be named as coowners.
- Q. What steps should be taken when a Bond is lost, stolen, or destroyed?
A. The Treasury Department, Division of Loans and Currency, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Ill., should be notified immediately, reference being made to the series, year of issue, date, denomination, and serial number of the Bond, and the name and address of the registered owner. Instructions as to proof required will then be sent you.

Remember—the longer you keep War Bonds, up to 10 years, the more valuable they become.