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**WEEKLY BIBLE QUOTATION**

"Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herds in the stalls; yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation."—Habbakuk.

**"ALL WORK AND NO PLAY . . ."**

President Roosevelt has pointed out that "human beings cannot sustain continued and prolonged work for very long without obtaining a proper balance between work on the one hand and vacation and recreation on the other."

Workers in many overcrowded war communities have had little or no opportunity for fun and recreation off the job. Facilities in many towns are too few, night workers have found that at the end of their shift there is no place open where they can relax for a few hours before turning in—movie houses, dance halls and other recreational spots are closed.

In an effort to correct this situation, the Office of Civilian Defense has asked all State and local Defense Councils to establish Recreation Committees to deal with the problem of providing adequate facilities for workers in all communities. Stressing the need for bringing about a single, united community-wide recreation plan, the Office of Civilian Defense, in a manual just issued for Defense Council Recreation Committees, states:

"The membership of a Recreation Committee should be widely representative of all groups in the community. It should include representation from management and labor, liberals and conservatives, men and women, young and old, rich and poor, whites and Negroes, natives and foreign born. The purpose of a community-wide organization will be defeated if the committee is merely a representation of a small self-appointed minority group, planning for the rest of the community."

The objective of the Recreation Committee as outlined by the OCD is "an over-all plan of adequate recreation and leisure-time activities for service men and women in the community, for men and women workers in war industries, and for children and other civilians."

Observer Headline:—"Chinese Bomb Japs in ITU." The I. T. U. hasn't got any Japs in it, even if it does have a few that act like Chinamen—though not of the Confucius type.

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**CONNIE'S CROSSES**

Constance was ten, her sister, eight; children of a large London working family. In 1940, wise British Government arranged transportation of many young children of toiling poorer families to kind people in Canada. The neat little home was missed but the street badly bombed. Connie and Effie were excited at a journey; they never had been out of vast London. Bags in hand, they joined the swarm of sturdy littlesters on railway platform, were kissed and cried over and off for seaport. Gaily they stared out at the sweet, green countryside and such talk and laughter. Nurses led them in singing.

A big steamer and sailors taking them aboard, checking in name-tags. Such fun to see the harbor, the ships and off they steamed—escorted by swift destroyers under Britain's brave banner—the symbol beside our flag, of freedom, liberty and protection of life in a warring world. Into dim winter mist the convoy vanished on the wide, rolling ocean. Little stomachs were seasick and nurses so busy. Connie's last little letter to parents was printed in "Life." "I'm busy caring for sister but lots cried at the dock. Love and kisses X X X, your daughter, Connie. Goodbye, Mummy and Daddy." Ten crosses for kisses—you've all seen such; the universal language of loving childhood. Night; cold and sleet and storm raging on high waves. The ship

came within range of lurking Nazi submarine. Men too cowardly to fight knee to knee, hand to hand, launched deadly torpedo in secret safety and sank away, exulting in slaughter of innocence. Few, so few, children saved in the boats and Connie and Effie died and went to One who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me."

For each precious little X mark she made, a million stout armed, skilled workers beat in rivets, turn lathes, roll hot metals. For each such symbol, millions of working mothers and sisters ply the needle and run machinery. Millions of strong young men march, fly and voyage with Connie's Cross in their brave hearts.

Bear aloft, bear in your hearts the newest symbol in this war, CONNIE'S CROSS set in opposition to the foulest emblem ever seen on this old earth, the accursed Swastika of Hitler! It's stained with the blood of those dear little children, of millions of men, women and children gone to death.

The Swastika of Hitler is not a match for the Cross of Connie, because it stands for all childhood, all parenthood, all the mighty power of labor! Joan of Arc bore the Cross of Lorraine on her banner and conquered to free France long ago; that Cross is now borne by the Free French armies. All labor will bear aloft the Connie Labor Cross, to conquer and free all mankind!

**FORWARD FOR LABOR'S CROSS OF CONNIE!**

**Ordnance Plant Election Gives  
AFL Big Majority**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The workers employed in the Ordnance Plant at Burlington, Iowa, rolled up big majorities for the American Federation of Labor in an election to choose a collective bargaining representative, J. J. Brown, organizer, reported to AFL President William Green. In the various units the AFL won by the following vote: Production workers, 3,979 to 368; guards, 468 to 56; electricians, 61 to 2; plumbers, 55 to 6.

**Unionist Wins  
Bravery Medal  
In Heroic Action  
On Guadalcanal**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Duncan J. Gillis, a member of the working-fighting Seabees and former member of Iron Workers' Local 25, Detroit, Mich., of International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers (AFL), has been cited for bravery while serving on Guadalcanal and has been awarded the Silver Star medal of the Navy.

Gillis, a shipfitter, was among the first Seabees to land at Guadalcanal last summer and remained there five months. He was cited for his action during heavy Navy gunfire when he risked his life to extricate and carry to safety seven men who had been trapped under debris after explosion of a shell. Gillis left the safety of his own shelter to aid his comrades.

While engaged in freeing the trapped men, the citation said, another shell exploded nearby further covering the men and Gillis. "The prompt and courageous action of Gillis resulted in the saving of the lives of the men in the cave-in foxhole," it continued.

On another occasion the union man saved comrades when a gasoline-loaded barge was hit by an enemy bomb. Gillis was thrown from the barge but assisted in rescuing his shipmates, the citation concluded.

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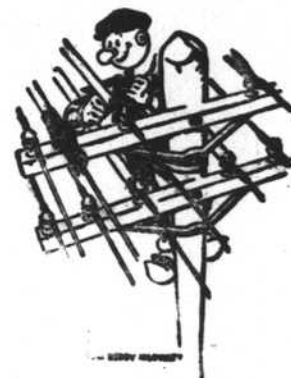
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