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EDITORIAL

Our President Is Not A "Repudiated Commander-In-Chief"

By W. M. WITTER

Despite the ravings of a large portion of the daily press of the nation, whose income and means of existence comes through, to large extent, national advertising from Roosevelt-hating corporations, many, or all, of whom have waxed fat on war contracts, The Journal cannot, and does not, believe that Franklin D. Roosevelt is a "Repudiated Commander-In-Chief," as many of them have termed him, nor does it believe that on election day in 1944, if the war is still on and he is a candidate to succeed himself, which he should be, that the American people will sanction the "Repudiation" given him on several occasions by a "Hot" Congress, more especially the last "Repudiation," when Congress was REALLY "SUFFERING WITH THE HEAT."

The Charlotte Observer's Washington correspondent, Jesse S. Cottrell, and a good one, by the way, led off his article in Sunday's issue (June 27) of that paper, with the following:

"WASHINGTON, June 26.—Senators and House members from the Carolinas who yesterday joined in over-riding the President's veto of the anti-strike bill were today receiving telegrams of congratulations on the position taken.

"A CHECK OF THE OFFICIAL VETO REVEALS THAT OF THE FOUR SENATORS AND 17 HOUSE MEMBERS FROM THE CAROLINAS, THAT ONLY CONGRESSMAN JOHN H. FOLGER OF MOUNT AIRY AND CAMERON MORRISON OF CHARLOTTE STOOD BY THE PRESIDENT AND VOTED TO SUSTAIN THE VETO. SENATOR BAILEY OF NORTH CAROLINA WAS ABSENT, BUT SENATOR REYNOLDS VOTED TO OVER-RIDE THE VETO, AS DID SENATORS SMITH AND MAYBANK OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

"The effect of the mutinous Congress in failing to sustain President Roosevelt's veto of the Connally-Smith anti-strike bill is that the President is today a repudiated commander-in-chief on the home front x x x."

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT IS NOT A "REPUDIATED COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF" BY ANY MEANS, AND THE ORGANIZED LABOR MOVEMENT IS GOING TO NOT DESERT THE ALL-OUT EFFORTS TO WIN THIS WAR BY DOING WHAT IT WAS EXPECTED TO DO IN SOME QUARTERS: KICK OUT OF THE TRACES AND CAUSE INTERNAL STRIFE, BUT IS GOING TO STICK ALL THE CLOSER TO THE ADMINISTRATION IN ITS EFFORT TO WIN THIS WAR, BOTH ON THE HOME FRONT AND IN THE ARMED FORCES.

Labor has taken it in the neck before, and because of the opening given labor-haters by John Lewis' action, (and we do not blame the miners, as a whole) ALL LABOR HAS HAD ANOTHER MILLSTONE THROWN AROUND ITS NECK UNDER THE GUISE OF PATRIOTISM. AT A TIME WHEN LABOR WAS GIVING ITS ALL IN AN EFFORT FOR A SUCCESSFUL CULMINATION OF THIS WAR.

But for more than half a century organized labor has been striving to place the worker upon a higher plane, and by contributions of sweat, blood, dollars, misery, starvation and bullets from death-dealing guns, in the hands of hired strike-breakers, has succeeded in placing the average man on a higher plane than any Manufacturers' Association or big business association would have ever placed him, or his.

ORGANIZED LABOR IS NOT A TRAITOR TO ITS COUNTRY. IT IS THE BACKBONE AND FOUNDATION OF ITS LIBERTY AND ITS FIGHT HAS EVER BEEN FOR THE FLAG AND TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES DESPITE ALL PROPAGANDA TO THE CONTRARY. It has worked with capital, it wants to work with capital, and to a great degree is so doing, and harmony exists between employers and employees to a greater degree than ever before. Of course, we all have our faults—but because one industrialist is a crook, or a dozen or more are, is that a reason to place all industrialists in chains; and because one man or leader in labor, or a dozen of them, are crooked, is that a reason for seeking an opening wedge to enslave all labor, or to throttle organizations seeking only to procure a fair portion of profits accrued from their labor, and for the uplift of its membership along every line of endeavor.

The Labor Journal, a firm adherent to the principles of the A. F. of L., and an exponent of all organized labor, that is striving for better conditions for its membership along legitimate lines; is not, and has never been, biased against the manufacturers, or any business, that has shown a willingness to deal with the workers upon a fair, square, open and above-board basis. Its editor has preached the doctrine of arbitration, mediation and conciliation in labor halls for over 50 years, and through the columns of The Journal the past 13 years, never giving an inch when it came to seeing that labor got a square deal, but still preaching the doctrine of the fellowship of man, and that we are our brothers keeper.

AND LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, how many of our "great thinkers" paused to ponder over the fact that today, in America there are problems which are going to prove far more dangerous in the days to come for our internal well-being than the fight between Capital and Labor. Read your daily papers carefully; your magazines scan closely, especially those of a commentative character, and you will find some problems already showing their heads above water in the printed word, that it is going to take a citizenship above creed, race or the color line, etc., to settle, and the handwriting is on the wall for those who would care to read and ponder.

SO, TO THE MEMBERS OF ORGANIZED LABOR IN THE CAROLINAS THE JOURNAL IS GOING TO SAY, STICK CLOSER TOGETHER THAN EVER BEFORE; WORK HARDER FOR YOUR ORGANIZATIONS AND EMPLOYERS THAN EVER BEFORE; ATTEND YOUR MEETINGS REGULAR; CO-OPERATE WITH YOUR BROTHERS AND YOUR FRIENDS; BUY BONDS AND KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING—YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH AND YOUR CAUSE IS FOUNDED UPON THE SOLID ROCK.

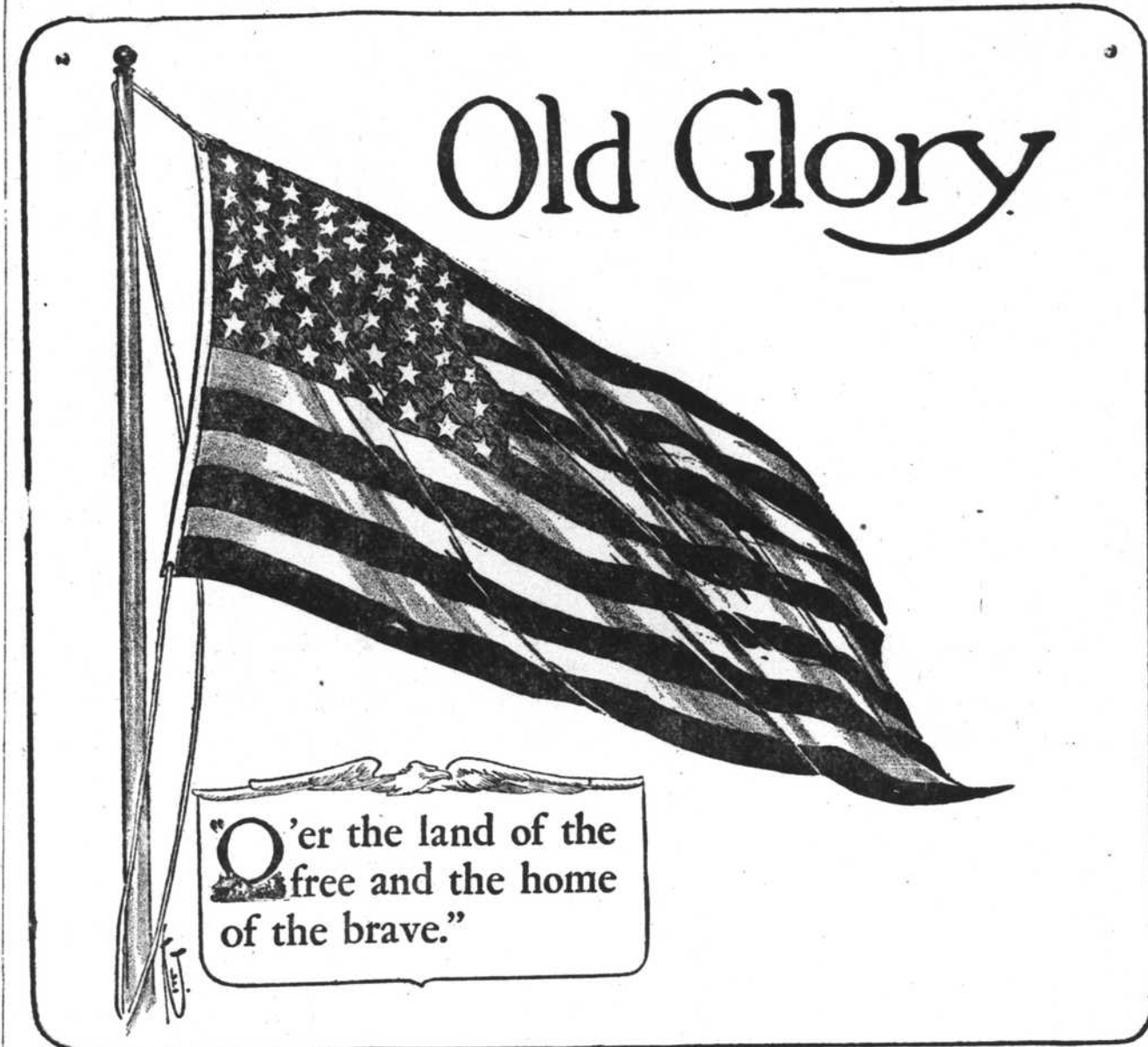
RETAIL SALES

SHOW A 16 PER CENT INCREASE

A sales gain of 16 per cent for May 1943 over May 1942 was reported by 15,531 independent retailers in 34 States, according to preliminary data

released by J. C. Capt, Director of the Census.

Most nondurable goods trades reflected upward sales movements for this May over May a year ago. Eating and drinking places led with a gain of 34 per cent, followed by apparel stores, 28 per cent; drug stores, 26 per cent; department stores, 25 per cent; dry goods and general merchandise stores, 23 per cent; food stores, 19 per cent and general stores,



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16 per cent. Sales of filling stations, however, were off 4 per cent. Jewelry stores recorded the largest sales gain of the durable goods trades—47 per cent. Dollar volume of furniture stores gained 14 per cent and motorvehicle dealers, 9 per cent; while sales were down 3 per cent for hardware stores, and 17 per cent for lumber-building materials dealers.—Victory Bulletin.

"The Government made Hot Springs a Federal Reservation and then imported 100 cases of assorted liquor for the opening of the food conference."—Exchange.

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.

An eastern jeweler took the diamond show tray out of his widow and replaced it with a nice ripe, banana. Crowds blocked the sidewalk.

The average estimated weekly wage in Iowa industry is \$34.54.

LABEL TRADES OFFICIALS THANK THE LABOR EDITORS

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at the last meeting of the Executive Board of the Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor and Secretary-Treasurer I. M. Ornburn was directed to send copies to the labor press:

"WHEREAS, the weekly labor newspapers, the official monthly labor journals, and other labor publications have formed the mainstay in our publicity campaigns for Union Labels, Shop Cards and Service Buttons; and

"WHEREAS, Publicity for our official emblems and the promotion of Union Label goods and Union services could not be carried on successfully without the support of the labor press; therefore, be it

"RESOLVED, That the Executive Board of the Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor does hereby express its deep gratitude for the liberal space so generously contributed by the weekly labor newspapers, the official monthly labor journals and other labor publications."

Pridgens Receive Word Of Son's Injury In Action

Vernon Pridgen, fireman first class, U. S. Navy, has been seriously wounded in action and is being treated at a naval hospital in Hawaii, according to a message from the Navy Department to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Pridgen of this city.

The message conveyed no other information beyond the statement that his injuries were considered critical. Young Pridgen has been in the Navy since February, 1940, and has seen service in many parts of the world.

Mr. and Mrs. Pridgen have two other sons in the Navy, Jack Jr. and Wilbur. Mr. Pridgen was in Washington visiting Jack when the message announcing that Vernon had been wounded was received here. Jack had just been transferred from a foreign station to attend a special school in Washington.

Mr. Pridgen is a linotype operator for The Charlotte News—News, Tuesday.

"Half of America's youth are involuntary agnostics."—Dr. J. Campbell White.

SCOGGINS HEADS CENTRAL BODY FOR THIRD TERM

J. A. Scoggins was elected president of Charlotte Central Labor Union last Thursday night for his third term, without opposition.

J. J. Thomas was elected vice-president and T. L. Conder, secretary; R. R. Harris, treasurer, and E. D. Barr, sergeant-at-arms, the last three having no opposition. The three trustees elected were J. A. Moore, J. S. Barrow and O. A. Snipes.

As delegates to the State Federation of Labor, which meets in Winston-Salem, August 9-10-11, at the Robert E. Lee hotel, J. A. Scoggins and J. J. Thomas were elected delegates, with C. R. Meacham and R. R. Harris as alternates.

A new anti-freeze solution is said to have been invented. Sprayed in a room it is said to destroy all cold germs.