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### A. F. OF L. FUNDS SMUGGLE CHINESE MECHANICS THROUGH JAP LINES INTO FREE CHINA

"Every dollar sent by American Labor to China is a time bomb for democratic victory," declared Matthew Woll last week after receiving a confidential report of a meeting held in Chungking early in March.

"From under the noses of the Japanese invaders, skilled Chinese workmen are being smuggled into free China with funds made available by the members of the A. F. of L. and CIO," the A. F. of L. United Nations Relief president explained. "We are not afraid to make this news public," Mr. Woll said. "The Japanese know that an elaborate underground railroad system is working against them, but they can't stop it."

A Board of Custody of the American Labor Fund has been set up in Chungking with Chu Hsueh-fan, President of the Chinese Association of Labor, as chairman. The principal object of the Fund is the evacuation of skilled metal workers, carpenters, electricians, lathe operators, and technicians from Japanese held territories into free China. Dollars contributed by six million members of the AFL to the National War Fund and their Community War Chests, make this evacuation possible.

Other facts made public by Mr. Woll are: American labor's contribution are equipping and maintaining base hospitals and mobile food canteens. A special diet for war workers is pumping vitamins and calories into thousands of starved Chinese production workers who for six years have built the weapons and the tools that have kept China a nation against the overwhelming onslaughts of the Nipponese. Through United China Relief, American labor has contributed the equivalent of \$1,400,000 Chinese dollars for food for these workers and for patients in hospitals who are suffering from anemia, malnutrition, malaria, tuberculosis and the diseases which result from wound conditions and insufficient nourishment.

In recognition of American labor's aid, a special insignia has been adopted from the composite emblems of the contributing American labor organizations. This insignia will be placed on buildings, hospitals, canteens and other war relief units which are maintained or which have been built by labor's millions in this country.

"American workers," Mr. Woll said, "can have the great satisfaction of knowing that while they remain on their jobs making this the arsenal of United Nations victory, their dollars are so many time bombs under the flimsy structure of Japanese occupation in China. When the not too distant day of American attack comes in the Orient, our fighting men will be able to judge the effect of the groundwork that has been laid by the generous assistance of the American trade union movement to our allies in China."

### IN DEFENSE OF IDEALISM

By RUTH TAYLOR

There isn't one of us today who does not fully realize that Organized Labor has to do a better job in its public relations, if it is to continue to hold its gains and even to survive. We have talked over ways and means; we have worked out techniques and methods; we have considered what charges should be answered and what should be ignored; and we have threshed out what to do and what not to do.

But unfortunately there has been one important point we have been too "het up" to give its proper place—and that is the idealism which is the basis of the Organized Labor movement, and which must be back of and in all of its public relations. As Father Boland said, when he discussed the art of mediation at the Rutgers Labor Institute last week—"THE LABOR MOVEMENT ISN'T JUST A MATTER OF DOLLARS AND CENTS, IMPORTANT AS THAT IS TODAY. IT IS SOMETHING FAR BIGGER. IT IS THE UNITY OF MEN FOR THE GOOD OF MAN."

Our nation was formed when people of diverse nationalities and traditions drew together because of a belief in the basic ideal of freedom and equality for all. Today as a nation we have expressed this ideal in the Four Freedoms. These freedoms are not for one group, or for one class, or for one creed, or for one color. They are for all the peoples of all the earth. And it is through the practical application of these ideals that we will win not only the war but the peace to come.

Our unions were formed because men of different backgrounds and faith agreed to work together for the good of all. As union members we have a traditional ideal of brotherhood, of the voluntary cooperation of workers to raise the status of all workers, regardless of creed, or class or color. THOSE WHO JOIN A UNION DO NOT JOIN IT JUST FOR WHAT BENEFITS THEY MAY RECEIVE AS INDIVIDUALS, BUT, IN THEIR VERY OATH OF MEMBERSHIP, THEY TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF UNITY—THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BURDENS OF OTHERS, THE WILL TO WORK WITH AND FOR THEIR FELLOW MEN.

Go back over the history of both the movement and the nation. When the ideals have been ignored, disaster has threatened. When the ideals have been adhered to, both the movement and the nation have grown. The Labor Movement without its ideals is like a government without a principle. UNIONISM WHETHER IT BE OF A NATION OR A GROUP MUST HAVE ITS HIGH PURPOSE EVER BEFORE IT.

Idealism is not an escape from reality. Idealism is reality for only as we look upward, only as we climb upward together, can we permanently realize any of our hopes of a better way of life for ourselves as a union, or for ourselves as a United States in a world of United Nations.

### MORRIS LIVINGSTON SEES POSSIBILITY OF 19,000,000 JOB- LESS IN U. S. AFTER THE WAR

If the production of goods and services in the United States is as high as it was in the best pre-war year, but no higher, there will be 19,000,000 unemployed in the United States after the war. This is the conclusion to be drawn from a study by S. Morris Livingston on Markets After the War, just published by the Department of Commerce.

In 1940, when the production of civilian goods was the highest in our history 9,000,000 American workers were unemployed. Between 1940 and 1946, 2,500,000 persons will be added to the available labor force. On top of this, the efficiency of labor will have increased to such an extent that 8,000,000 fewer workers will be required to turn out the volume produced in 1940.

Adding up these three figures leads to the conclusion that the 1940 production level 19,000,000 would remain unemployed.

A chapter by Dal Hitchcock in the collection Postwar Economic Problems, edited by Seymour E. Harris, points out that the best chances for additional employment after the war are in residential construction, the service industries and wholesale and retail trade. Dr. Hitchcock believes that employment in all branches of the service industries and trade can be expanded from approximately 7,500,000, the probable figure at the war's end, to 12,000,000 or 14,000,000 within two years, after the cessation of hostilities.

### Labor's Policy For The Future

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President William Green's letter to President Roosevelt, renewing labor's no-strike pledge, follows:

"I wish to express my sincere appreciation for your courage and statesmanship in vetoing the Connally-Smith Bill.

"Labor and all its friends are inexpressibly shocked by the hasty and impetuous action of Congress in overriding your veto. By their unprecedented procedure, the members of Congress demonstrated they were moved by anger and resentment rather than by careful consideration of the facts.

"Unquestionably, as you pointed out in your veto message, the prevention of strikes in vital war industries will be rendered more difficult instead of more effective by the enactment of this ill-considered law.

"Let me assure you, however, that the officers and members of the American Federation of Labor will do everything in their power to make application of this law unnecessary and to further the successful prosecution of the war.

"The American Federation of Labor and all of its affiliated unions stand committed to our no-strike pledge for the duration of the war. I am confident that they will live up to this pledge in the future, just as they have in the past. In this way, the workers of America can render the Connally-Smith Act inoperative and pave the way for its early repeal. In this way, the workers of America can best serve their country and the cause of freedom and democracy."

### HERE IS THE WAY TO DEFEAT THE FOES OF LABOR!

#### TRADE UNION ARMY URGED TO REGISTER

RAIL LABOR CHIEFS  
LAUNCH MOVEMENT  
WHICH DESERVES  
SUPPORT OF ALL

By EDWARD KEATING  
Editor of "Labor," the Railroad  
Worker's National Washington  
Weekly

At its May meeting in Washington, the Railway Labor Executives' Association, speaking for approximately 1,500,000 workers in all parts of this country, sponsored a movement of the greatest significance.

The rail labor chiefs appealed to their members to register so they could vote in the next election. "If you are not registered, you can't vote!" the chiefs emphasized.

Letters are going out to the thousands of local lodges of these rail labor organizations. Each lodge is asked to appoint a committee — preferably a small committee — to take over the task of registering all members of that local, the eligible members of their families and such friends and acquaintances as they can reach who are in sympathy with objectives of the trade union movement.

These local committees are expected to get in touch with unions outside the transportation industry and urge them to engage in the same good work.

"Once started," says Thomas C. Cashen, president of the Switchmen's Union and chairman of the Railway Labor Executives' Association, "the movement should roll along like a snowball going down hill.

"The labor movement suffered a disastrous reverse in the congressional elections of 1942. The immediate result was the passage of anti-labor legislation by Congress, a body which had been extremely friendly to us for the last 10 years.

"If we suffer another defeat in 1944, our enemies will endeavor to make these anti-labor laws more drastic. They will not be satisfied

#### FACING THE FACTS

(By Baer)



with seeking to cripple the labor movement. They will do everything in their power to destroy it.

"We lost the 1942 election because the trade unionists did not take the trouble to vote. That's the plain truth. We will lose in 1944 unless we wake up and register and vote.

"Registering is the first job. You can't vote unless you are registered. If each local union will appoint a live-wire committee, we can place the mighty army of labor in a position to reward its friends and defeat its enemies.

"There are approximately 12,000,000 trade unionists in this country. With the members of their families and their close friends, they could easily cast 25,000,000 votes in the

next election. Our enemies could not stand up against that avalanche of ballots.

"I don't think we should discuss candidates at this time. The first step is to get your name on the registration list. After that, we can consider what we should do on election day, but unless we are registered, we will be as useless on election day as tin soldier with a wooden gun.

Those of us who are associated with the newspaper, Labor, are doing what we can to help put over this momentous campaign, and we are sending this appeal to our fellow labor editors and to their readers, in the hope that they will join with us in this thoroughly feasible and tremendously important project.

Along the shores of the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River, \$765 million worth of sea-going vessels are being built for war service, a figure more than twice as great as was spent by the Navy in 1940 for all new naval construction.

About 50 per cent of all canned goods packed in 1943 will be required by our armed forces and, to a smaller degree, by our fighting allies.

### BUY BONDS AND BOMBS

"Free Labor Will Win!"

**HOW TO KEEP YOUR FOOD BILL DOWN**

**CUT THE OPA LIST OF TOP LEGAL PRICES FROM YOUR NEWSPAPER**

**TAKE THE PRICE LIST WITH YOU WHEN YOU SHOP**

**COMPARE PRICES IN THE STORE WITH THOSE ON YOUR LIST. RETAILERS MUST DISPLAY PRICES.**

**IF WRONG PRICES ARE DISPLAYED OR IF NO PRICES ARE DISPLAYED, WRITE YOUR RATIONING BOARD.**

(tell them this)

"Dear War Price and Rationing Board"

1. NAME OF STORE
2. ADDRESS OF STORE
3. NATURE OF VIOLATION
4. DATE OF VIOLATION
5. YOUR NAME
6. YOUR ADDRESS

**IF YOU ARE OVERCHARGED GET ITEMIZED SALES SLIP AND MAIL IT TO YOUR LOCAL RATIONING BOARD.**

**AT THE RATIONING BOARD A PRICE PANEL STUDIES THE CASE AND ASKS THE RETAILER TO COMPLY. IF NECESSARY, OPA WILL TAKE LEGAL ACTION.**

**WILFUL PRICE VIOLATORS ARE SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF 1 YEAR IN JAIL AND \$5000 FINE.**

**CHECK THESE POINTS**

Everytime you shop

- 1 DO YOU HAVE YOUR OPA PRICE LIST?
- 2 ARE PRICES DISPLAYED IN THE STORE?
- 3 ARE DISPLAYED PRICES SAME AS OR LOWER THAN YOUR LIST?
- 4 ARE YOU CHARGED MORE THAN LEGAL PRICES?

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