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The Labor Journal is true to the American ideals of WAGE EARNERS: Men and women spend your wages in the city where you live, always remembering that "The Dollar That Goes the Farthest is the Dollar That Stays at Home."



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**OUR POLICY ---**  
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To influence Public Opinion in favor of the Organized Labor Movement.

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**BIBLE THOUGHT**

O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. x x x  
O Lord, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.—Jeremiah 10:23-24.

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**THINK ABOUT THIS ONE**

Just in case you feel you are abused by gasoline rationing, or feel that it doesn't matter if you waste a few gallons now and then, please think over what President Roosevelt said in his latest address:

"It is interesting for us to realize that every Flying Fortress that bombed harbor installations at Naples from its base in North Africa required 1,110 gallons of gasoline for each single mission, and that this is the equal of about 375 "A" ration tickets—enough gas to drive your car five times across this continent. You will better understand your part in the war—and what gasoline rationing means—if you multiply this by the gasoline needs of thousands of planes and hundreds of thousands of jeeps, trucks and tanks now serving overseas."

That's the story. You might have all the gas you want if it wasn't for the fact that our flyers need it over on the other side where they are using it to help win this war.

**NOT "ANTI-STRIKE" ACT**

Remember when the daily press was shouting loudly for the vicious, anti-labor Smith-Connolly Bill? The newspapers were then calling it the "Anti-Strike Bill." They carefully refrained from telling their readers the truth about it; they shouted with glee when a vengeful congress passed it over the President's veto. Let's look at it now. In several parts of the country the NLRB, acting strictly within the provisions of the Smith-Connolly measure, is getting ready to conduct strike votes. One such vote already has been taken.

The President said the bill would encourage strikes, and that's exactly what it is doing. Labor's pledge not to strike was, and is, a far better safeguard against industrial shutdowns than any half-baked, fascist law hatched by labor-hating congressmen.

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**ATLANTIC CHARTER TWO YEARS OLD;  
WORKERS HAVE AND WILL MAKE  
SACRIFICES UNTIL VICTORY IS WON**

During the two years since it was drafted on August 14, 1941, the Atlantic Charter has served to unite the 32 freedom-loving nations of the world whose fighting force is today turning the tide of battle against the Axis, the OWI reports.

On our battlefields, soldiers of their lives in freedom from fear and want." Because they believe in this better order of things to come, as promised by their leaders, the workers of the Allied nations have sacrificed and will continue to sacrifice until victory is won. They have given up their time-honored right to strike, they are accepting lower wages, they are working long hours, they are contributing generously to the cause of wartime relief—and the Axis nations are now only just beginning to feel the results of their all-out effort. Every bomb over Berlin and Munda, every shell hurled at Orel, is testimony to the wrath and the determination of free workers of free nations.

To labor throughout the world the Charter makes two pledges. It promises "the fullest collaboration between all nations in the economic field with the object of securing, for all, improved labor standards, economic advancement and social security." And it assures a peace in which "all men in all the lands may live out



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**Honor Roll of  
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Employees of this paper in the services of their country.

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- \* ROBERT E. BROWN U. S. Marine Corps

**UNCLE SAM BIDS CONSTRUCTION MEN  
JOIN THE BUILDIN', FIGHTIN' SEABEES**

Uncle Sam's calling all construction men — men whose experience ranges from apprentice to journeyman — for good-paying jobs where they'll continue their trades and, besides, indulge in a bit of fighting on occasion.

Uncle Sam, in this instance, is personified by any Navy recruiting officer in a non-restricted manpower area. He can explain to them the great opportunity to serve their country in the Seabees and to qualify as petty officers, with pay from \$78 to \$126 a month, free uniforms, food and quarters, 20 per cent increase in base pay for overseas service, dependency allowances and other extras.

Draft-age men may be voluntarily inducted, while youths 17 and men 38-50 may enlist at Navy Recruiting Stations. The same provisions are applicable in the Army Engineers.

Seabees are the fighting builders of the Navy. They have two famous mottoes: "Can Do"—meaning they can build and repair anything, anywhere, anytime; and "We Fight for What We Build"—meaning they've got the military equipment and tactical savvy to take care of themselves in case of attack.

Men skilled in these civilian jobs — thousands of men — are needed in the Seabees right now:

- Armorer (Gunsmith, gun repairman)
- Baker (Baker's apprentice, pastry maker)
- Boatswain (Police officer, small boat operator)
- Blacksmith (Forger)
- Bulldozer (Tractor operator, "cat" operator)
- Carpenter (Shipwright, pattern-maker, cabinet maker)
- Concrete Worker (Bricklayer, stone mason, plasterer, cement finisher)
- Cook (Ship's, domestic, restaurant; cook's helper, chef, butcher)
- Crane Operator (Dragline, clamshell, piledriver operator)
- Diver (Submarine worker, pearl fisherman)
- Draftsman (Electrical, mechanical, structural steel)
- Driller (Jackhammer operator, stone driller, drifter drill operator)
- Electrician (Journeyman, electrician's helper, telephone repairman, lineman, power plant operator)
- Engine Operator (Dredge leverman, crane operator, shovel operator)
- Gas, Diesel Repairman (Engine mechanic, garage repairman, power plant engineer, marine engineer)
- Instrumentman (Transitman, levelman, plane-table man, junior engineer)
- Launchman (Ship pilot, navigator, small boat operator, fisherman)
- Longshoreman (Gangwayman, gear issue man, hatch boss, head hatch checker, leading slinger, leading trucker and tierer, Manila rope splicer, winchman, wire splicer)
- Mechanic (Engine mechanic, garage repairman, power plant engineer, marine engineer, quarry mechanic)
- Oiler (Crane, engine)
- Piledriverman (Rigger foreman, hoist operator)
- Pipefitter and Plumber (Steamfitter)
- Pipelayer
- Powderman (Blaster, blaster helper, dynamiter, powder carrier, powder monkey, powderman helper)
- Rigger (Cathead man, winchman, rigging slinger)
- Road Machine Operator
- Sheet Metal Worker (Metalsmith, tinsmith, cornice and gutterman, coppersmith)
- Shovel Operator (Gas, Diesel)
- Steel Worker (Steel framer, iron worker)
- Steward (Restaurant proprietor, caterer, food purchaser, inventory clerk)
- Surveyors (Junior civil engineer)
- Sailmaker (Canvas worker, awning and tent repairman)
- Telephone Switchboard Man (Electrical repair man, trouble shooter)
- Water Tender (Boiler operator, power plant worker, fireman)
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**THE WREATH I SOFTLY LAY**

By NICHOLAS J. RICHARDS

Paltry the wreath I softly lay,  
To rest unseen at Labor's shrine,  
A feeble shaft, in Hope's bright ray,  
It may with breaking of the Day,  
In everlasting light and simple service shine!

In thoughtful mood and humbled grace,  
I read each messaged footprint there;  
As if by the motive I could trace  
The steady progress of its race,  
That upward climbed, delayed and bruised—a human stair!

Yet softly as the silent dew,  
That falls to slake the famished flour,  
Thy counsels wise at rendezvous,  
From loyal sons in retinue,  
Renews my fainting soul in danger's dismal hour!

No lusty song my spirit sings,  
Nor rousing word from unknown pen;  
Yet from the realm of wronged, there springs,  
A fervent zeal that soon outwings  
To soar above the vales of doubt and fears of few!

If empty hands alone I bring,  
Void of rich gifts the false might give,  
May they be clean, like mountain spring,  
Cleansed in the depths—an offering—  
To smooth the furrowed brow, with aid most positive!

As step by step, thy terraced base  
I mount, to catch thy whispers low,  
Infuse the love of commonplace  
And selfish aims wholly erase,  
To catch ceaseless urgings of thy soul's outflow!

Poor, poor indeed the wreath I lay,  
A gift worthless at Labor's feet,  
May her strange wand its worth assay,  
For combat in her long affray,

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