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Labor Is "Producing For Attack" On All Fronts

LABOR DAY, 1943

By WILLIAM GREEN,

President, American Federation of Labor

America is on the road to victory! This supreme fact enables us to celebrate Labor Day this year in triumphal spirit.

Our armed forces have dealt out crushing defeats to the enemy on all fighting fronts.

Our workers have met the test on the home front with equal success.

More than ever before, we realize on this Labor Day that every war plan is the starting point of direct attack against the enemy. The planes, ships, tanks, guns and ammunition made by the American Federation of Labor workers go to battle just as surely as the soldiers, sailors and marines who use them.

We know that the military successes already achieved by the United Nations in this war could never have come to pass without the superior equipment produced by the members of organized labor in America. We know that the thousands of production records smashed by patriotic American workers have helped materially to smash the Axis powers.

I am proud of the way the workers of our country have lived up to their responsibilities under the stress and strain of wartime conditions. The labor force of no other country can boast a finer record.

But we cannot yet rest upon our oars. The tasks ahead of us appear even greater than those we have surmounted. We must keep steadfastly on the job until the war is finally won and our enemies have surrendered unconditionally.

Now that the workers of America have tasted victory, I am confident that they will never relax their efforts until the ultimate triumph of freedom and democracy is attained.

As we look to the future, our thoughts are increasingly concerned with the vital necessity of winning the peace—as well as the war. Reactionary forces already are at work in an attempt to betray and nullify the sufferings and sacrifices of our people. We must be prepared not only to defend ourselves against those who would shame our dead, but to take the offensive against them.

This can best be done by agreeing upon and insisting upon a post-war program that carries out the overwhelming will of the American people. In the opinion of the American Federation of Labor, this program must include the following points:

- 1—Establishment of lasting world peace.
- 2—Eradication of Fascism.
- 3—Extension of freedom and democracy in every part of the globe.
- 4—Expansion of our own social security system.
- 5—Application of a peace-time production program which will assure jobs for all.
- 6—Affirmation of the right of workers in all countries to join free and independent unions of their own choice.

Such a program embodies the chief desires and aspirations of a war-weary world and can be carried out on a practical basis. It offers hope for the future. It is worth working and fighting and sacrificing for.

On this significant Labor Day, as we look forward to the final victory of human decency over the love of oppression and hate, let us remember the blood and sweat and tears of the victims of this war and let us resolve never to permit such a cataclysm to engulf the world we know again.



WILLIAM GREEN
President Am. Fed. of Labor



C. A. FINK
Pres. N. C. Federation of Labor

FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES ISSUES LABOR DAY MESSAGE

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the country's leading council of our Protestant denominations, brings its 1943 Labor Day message to our people. The principles set forth are basically the Christian spirit of the Brotherhood of Man.

Part of the message follows:

"The fact that labor has made great gains in the past decade should be welcomed by all Christian people. The curtailment, under the necessity of the national war effort, of important social standards and freedoms should be tolerated only as a temporary expedient. Over-long hours, night work, employment of mothers with young children, child labor, poor housing, inadequate health and accident safeguards, lack of rest periods and vacations, the freezing of employment—these conditions should be corrected as soon as the war emergency is over.

"It is greatly to be hoped that the practice of conciliation and voluntary arbitration will become the general method of settling industrial disputes.

"Moreover, it is well for Christians to remember that large as labor's gains have been, only about 27% of the workers who may be considered available for organization are members of labor unions. Furthermore, the Wage and Hour Administrator in 1942 reported that 7,500,000 American workers still received less than 40 per cent an hour and 'are still right on the edge of the minimum standards of health and decency or below it.' We may indeed be encouraged with the advance that has been made and yet alert to what still needs to be done.

"A labor movement, strong in numbers, and in active cooperation with management, agriculture and government, is a social necessity in order to sustain democracy on the home front, make it effective in the world conflict, and aid its extension in the post-war world. Such a labor movement can be a strong ally of the Christian Church in promoting justice and well-being on behalf of Christian democracy in the service of post-war reconstruction. May the church, and labor and all other economic groups dedicate themselves with new vision, unselfishness and determination to the task of achieving in human society God's purpose for righteousness, justice and peace based upon the worth and solidarity of all men."

Free Labor Will Out- Produce Nazi Slaves
 "Fight - Work - Save"

PRESIDENT FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT



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J. A. SCOGGINS, PRES. CENTRAL LABOR UNION, TELLS MEMBERS TO "INCREASE BOND PURCHASES"

Dear Brother Witter:

Once again we have reached a milestone in the Labor movement—Labor Day is the privilege of free-men. The Charlotte Central Labor Union, of which I am privileged to be President has made a consistent record of achievement in the defense of our country. I am proud of our record. Every union man deserves to be proud of it, and every citizen of our fine city deserves to be proud of it. The Charlotte Labor Journal, our paper, deserves to be proud of its record in its capable handling of the conservative fight of the A. F. of L. through many years. We have maintained a consistent course of decency and conservatism, and barring a few very minor instances, our intent and our purpose have been directed solely in the interest of WINNING THE WAR. The Charlotte Central Labor Union, in the main, will remain at their work on Labor Day, 1943—and that in itself is a symbol—a symbol of free-labor to do its part willingly and without coercion and without threats to Carry On.

I would like to mention one other important thing in this Labor Day message to our membership: Our record of War Bonds purchases is good. At least 85% of our working people are buying Bonds every week, but, let me remind all of our members that a greater effort can be made in this direction. LABOR LOSES ITS FREEDOM IF THE HORROR OF INFLATION CROSSES THE THRESHOLD OF OUR NATION. BUYING WAR BONDS NOT ONLY GIVES OUR SONS ON THE BATTLEFIELD THEIR PROP ON WHICH TO LEAN BUT IT ALSO HELPS TO ELIMINATE THE VERY DARK AND HORRIBLE SCEPTRE OF INFLATION. WE MUST STAND LIKE OUR SOLDIERS STAND ON THIS ISSUE. WE MUST NEVER SEE THE DAY WHEN OUR WIVES MUST BRING A WHEELBARROW OF DOLLARS TO BUY A LOAF OF BREAD. LET THIS BE OUR WATCHBOARD ON THIS LABOR DAY—INCREASE YOUR WAR BOND PURCHASES. NEVER FALTER FOR ONE MOMENT. LET US STICK TO OUR COURSE, NORTH CAROLINIANS, AND WE WILL STAND UP AFTER VICTORY WITH THE BADGE OF HONOR OF A JOB WELL DONE.

J. A. SCOGGINS, President
Charlotte Central Labor Union.

C. A. FINK, PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAR. STATE FEDERATION EXTENDS LABOR DAY GREETINGS

Spencer, N. C.

Mr. W. M. Witter, Editor
Charlotte Labor Journal
Charlotte, N. C.

Charlotte has made splendid progress in the gradual building of the Labor Movement in the Queen City. As president of the State Federation of Labor, I am very proud indeed of the officers and members of our unions in your good city. Brother Conder thrilled the convention when he reported that the Charlotte Labor Temple is now paid for and owned free of all incumbrance by the Charlotte Central Labor Union. It is most significant.

Another report to the convention that was most encouraging was that telling of the activities of the officers and members of the local unions who are serving on government boards and helping our government to carry on its war activity. The fact that Brother J. A. Scoggins, president of the Charlotte Central Labor Union and a member of our state executive board, is chairman of the rationing board in Mecklenburg County, is indicative of the high standing enjoyed by the leaders of the Labor Movement in Charlotte.

Much of this progress, Brother Witter, is due to the faithful and loyal service that you have rendered to the Labor Movement through your good paper, The Charlotte Labor Journal. You have never once faltered, nor even hesitated in leading the Battle of Labor in Charlotte for improved conditions of the working people, yet you have at all times advocated a safe and sane course which has placed our Movement in your city upon a solid foundation.

While we have had many difficulties in the past and have been forced to surmount many obstacles that have been thrown in our way, yet all of these are insignificant in comparison to the tasks that lie ahead of us. Our chief duty, of course, is to our country. It matters not what the cost may be to us individually or collectively as members of our Unions, we must at all times paramount the importance of winning this war and preserving our freedom.

We can do this, however, in effective and enthusiastic manner, yet at the same time protect our unions and defend our members and the workers generally against those enemies of ours who are determined to destroy our Movement while this war is being waged.

In this difficult task, I am depending more than ever upon the counsel and advice and support of you and those loyal souls like you to whom all credit is due for the advancement that has been made by the working people of this state over the past year. I beg of you and through your paper and plead with all trades unionists to support your State Federation of Labor as never before and help us who are your officers to not only preserve that which we now have, but add to its strength and influence. Without you and those like you, we can do nothing and I am confident that you and all other trades unionists will aid us in building a State Federation of Labor that can render still greater service to our state and nation.

Let us make this our theme on the coming Labor Day. We cannot have parades and celebrations as we have had in the past because our members and our sons, and the sons of the mothers of America are out yonder offering their lives that we may live and we cannot waste time in celebrations except those that are called for the sole purpose of planning an increase in the production of materials of war, or the purpose of raising funds through the sale of War Bonds for our government. So, let's determine on Labor Day to continue to labor every day at whatever tasks we may be assigned for a more effective prosecution of the war in order to hasten the day of victory when the war shall cease and freedom shall be made secure to mankind everywhere and our boys who are still living may return to their homes and to their loved ones.

May I further impose upon your good nature by asking space in your most valuable paper to express appreciation to the members of our A. F. of L. Unions in your section for their loyal support during the past. All of us missed you at the convention and regretted very much your inability to attend. We were delighted, however, in the fact that your good wife could be there, and represent you in our annual meeting.

C. A. FINK, President,
N. C. State Federation of Labor.

THE FOUR FREEDOMS

1. Freedom of speech and expression everywhere in the world.
2. Freedom of every person to worship God in his own way—everywhere in the world.
3. Freedom from want—economic understanding which will secure for every nation a healthy peacetime economy for its people everywhere in the world.
4. Freedom from fear—World-wide decisions to take such steps as may be necessary to prevent any nation from committing an act of aggression against another—anywhere in the world.

OUR BOYS GIVE THEIR LIVES—
 WILL YOU LEND MORE OF YOUR MONEY
 Our Boys Can't Win Doing a 10% Job—