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MISS CONDER ELECTED SECRETARY OF CENTRAL LABOR UNION; BODY TO WORK THROUGH LOCAL WAR CHEST; THE LABOR JOURNAL IS ENDORSED

By J. A. MOORE

The Charlotte Central Labor Union is first again. This time it is first in the State to have a Lady Secretary. That is a place that I have always thought should be filled by a lady and have said so on several occasions.

I am not claiming any credit for the recent action of our C.L.U. in electing Miss Chloe Conder to fill the unexpired term of her father, Mr. T. L. Conder, who had so much to do that it was necessary for him to unload on someone, so naturally it fell to her lot. No one doubts but what she had been doing the work for him and was perfectly familiar with it. Anyway I think it was one of the most progressive moves that we have made recently. She can do more work as a secretary than her father and myself and a half dozen such as we can. WE ARE PROUD OF YOU MISS CHLOE.

Several weeks ago the Central Labor Union, by unanimous action, decided to abandon the idea of putting on a separate campaign for funds for our United Nations Relief (Labor is trying to raise twenty million dollars) but to join in the Charlotte War and Community Chest program under an agreement reached between the American Federation of Labor and the National War Fund, Inc. I have been selected to act as Chairman of the C. L. U. committee to work with the local War Chest and it is my intention to put the very best that I have in this effort.

The need today is greater than ever. We have so many more to think of when we give and our dollars will be used in many more ways than ever before. Therefore I, like President Green, urge that we, every last one of our members, give at least one hour's pay per month. This

may seem to you readers that I am liberal with your money, but not so. I haven't pledged a dime for you but I know the Labor movement in Charlotte, and likewise I know many hundreds of the members and I know that they have never failed when they were called on to do a really worthwhile job. When you learn where your dollars are spent, and what for, then make up your minds and when the solicitor calls on you, tell him that you are giving because your dollars will go towards strengthening the WSO and that your dollars will fight through the British War Relief Society and that your dollars will fight for the oppressed and imprisoned people of the occupied countries through the relief agencies of France, Poland, Greece, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia.

I am proud to represent you on this very important work and to many it will seem that I am over-ambitious, but not so. I have been giving this study for several weeks now and will only recommend to all of labor what our worthy President has recommended for us. I spoke over Radio Station WAYS September 10th on this subject and will speak again on the same subject next Friday night at 7:45. I hope that I may hear from every member on this subject in the next few days.

Again at the last meeting of the Central Labor Union action was taken reaffirming our faith in The Charlotte Labor Journal. It's own paper and we are PROUD of it.

UNPREDICTABLE SEABEES AGAIN!

WASHINGTON — Anything can and does happen in the course of a day's work with the Seabees—those versatile Navy men who came mostly from the ranks of organized labor. Originally enlisted as members of construction battalions, the Seabees

have established an enviable record for doing anything that needs to be done and when it needs to be done. During the recent invasion of Sicily, a battalion of the Seabees is credited with saving the lives of 90 men on a bombed ship and minutes later they had landed and "persuaded" a contingent of Italian defenders to surrender their arms and flag. These things were done in addition to their assigned task of getting war material ashore.



U. S. Treasury Department

Free Labor Will Out-Prod Nazi Slaves

BUY WAR BONDS

THE PLEDGE OF EVERY LOYAL A. F. OF L. UNIONIST

"I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands—One Nation, Indivisible, With Liberty and Justice for All!"

ARE YOU GROWING OLD WITH NO SOCIAL SECURITY? CONTRAST DRAWN BETWEEN TWO BROTHERS

[In compliance with duties imposed by the Social Security Act, Government officials have made various studies pertaining to provisions of the Act. These studies have developed the belief that certain changes should be made in the Social Security Act in order to meet the needs of American people. Because the editor of the Charlotte Labor Journal feels that residents of this section wish to know what changes are contemplated and because he thinks that his readers are entitled to such information, this paper in co-operation with the Charlotte office of the Social Security Board is presenting a series of articles explaining the proposed revisions. Given below is the second installment of this series.—Editor.]

WANTED: SOCIAL SECURITY FOR ALL WORKERS

Jacob works on a farm. Every year since he was a boy, he has planted crops in the spring and helped with the harvesting in the fall. Between seasons he clears new ground, builds fences, and does odd jobs for the farmers who employ him. Now Jacob is growing old, and he is wondering what will happen to his young wife and their little girl when he is no longer able to work.

His brother, John, has a job in a rolling mill where he has worked for the past six years or more. Because he holds a job that is covered by old-age and survivors insurance, John has a social security account and is gradually building up a wage record that is kept for him by the Social Security Board. This means benefits for him when he is too old to work and monthly payments of survivors insurance to his wife and children if he should die. Thousands of men and women in the United States who held jobs covered by this law have reached the age of 65, retired from their jobs, and are receiving their monthly payments of old-age insurance. Large numbers of insured workers have died leaving widows, children, or other dependents who receive monthly payments of survivors benefits.

Jacob does not have this protection, because farm workers are not covered by insurance provisions of the Social Security Act.

Under the present law, workers covered by old-age and survivors insurance are, in the main, those who have jobs in business or industry—that is, in factories, shops, mines, mills, stores, offices, banks, cafes, hotels, restaurants, laundries, filling stations, and similar establishments.

Since the war began, many farm workers have found jobs in factories, while others have devoted part time to farming and part time to construction work or to jobs in war production plants. This means that such workers have old-age and survivors insurance during the time they are employed in construction or manufacturing.

NEXT: "Disability Insurance For Wage Earners."

THE A. F. OF L. DEFERS OUSTER AGAINST INT. ASSOC. MACHINISTS

Since the I. A. of M. officially withdrew from the A. F. of L., effective at the close of May 31, 1943, negotiations have been going on between the interested parties, looking to an amicable adjustment of the dispute. Outstanding representatives of Labor, who may be said to be in the "neutral corner," have exerted their best powers of persuasion to conciliate and mollify the contending parties, with a view to settle the dispute or at least to keep it from spreading into uncontrollable proportions.

Other international unions appear to have attempted to take advantage of the withdrawal of the I. A. of M. from the A. F. of L. to raid its membership which, in turn, has brought on retaliatory measures by the Machinists. The Executive Council of the A. F. of L. went into session in Chicago on August 9, for the purpose of attempting to iron out a number of pressing questions, and to pass upon its report and recommendations to the forthcoming A. F. of L. Convention, which convenes in Boston on October 4, 1943.

It was an open secret that a number of the members of the Executive Council intended at this Chicago meeting to force the Machinists out of the several affiliations of the A. F. of L., such as the Metal Trades and Railroad Departments, the Central Labor Unions and State Federations of Labor. During the same week the A. F. of L. Executive Council met in Chicago, the Executive Council of the I. A. of M. was in session at headquarters in Washington prepared, doubtless among other business to be transacted, to take action upon any move made by the Executive Council in Chicago with reference to the affiliation of the I. A. of M. with the A. F. of L.

In view of the possibility that an amicable understanding could be reached with the Machinists before the A. F. of L. Convention convenes in October, the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. refrained from taking the punitive action against the Machinists which had been contemplated by some of the members of the Council.

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast," and it is hoped by all concerned that the "hatchet will be buried" with due ceremony and with justice accorded the I. A. of M.—The Federal Machinist.

So long as we have held fast to voluntary principles and have been actuated and inspired by the spirit of service, we have sustained our forward progress and we have made our Labor Movement something to be respected and accorded a place in the councils of our Republic. . . . No lasting gain has ever come from compulsion. If we seek to force, we but tear apart that which otherwise, is invincible.—Samuel Gompers.

WHAT IS THE LABOR LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS?—LABOR LEADER THROWS LIGHT UPON IT

By JAMES F. BARRETT

It is human nature for people to want to know the origin, the purpose, the functions and something of the founders of a movement that is new. The Labor League for Human Rights is a comparatively new organization. Its founders are the executive heads of the American Federation of Labor and affiliated National and International Unions.

Its purpose is to serve as the Agency of Mercy for the Trade Union Movement.

Its functions are best described in the closing verse of that famous poem by James Hay which he affectionately called "Little Britches." This verse read:

"I think that saving a little child, And bringing him back to his own, Is a darn sight better business Than loafing around the throne."

When Mussolini was mounting the heights of his hateful ambitious campaign in the early Thirties, and then Hitler started building his empire of hate for the purpose of destroying freedom, the American Federation of Labor declared war on both Germany and Italy, in the foreknowledge that the campaign started by these men in 1933 would end in war-torn world of human agony and suffering.

To meet these deplorable conditions of suffering, the Labor League for Human Rights was established. Its first outstanding performance was the aid given distressed working people of Great Britain through the American Labor Committee to Aid British Labor. There is no way of estimating the great amount of good done for those people who were then fighting our battles for continued freedom, for at that time America had not entered the war.

After America had been drawn into the world conflict, and our government and the several established organizations of community and national helpfulness began a campaign to raise funds for the distressed people among our Allied Nations and those suffering innocents in Nazi occupied countries, the Labor League for

Human Rights paved the way for a unified effort through establishment of United Nations Relief.

With final organization of the National War Fund and the several State War Funds, Organized Labor was given its proper place in this highly important working group. And now, for the first time in the history of this country, Organized Labor is a recognized and highly appreciated part of a national movement under the direction of which all aid for sufferers at home and abroad will be gathered and distributed.

Through the untiring efforts of the Labor League for Human Rights our Local Unions and our members will be given full credit for all contributions made by them to these funds, including Community Chests and the Red Cross.

And that is why the leaders of the American Federation of Labor and its affiliated organizations are so anxious that A. F. of L. Unions appoint committees to work with the Regional Director of the Labor League for Human Rights in each state. That is why George L. Googe, Southern Representative of the A. F. of L., and the officers of all of the State Federations of Labor in each Southern State are so anxious for all A. F. of L. Local Unions, Central Bodies, Trade Councils and Auxiliaries to name committees and work with might and main with the Regional Director in these states of the South.

Wherever human suffering and misery cloud the days for humanity, the Labor League for Human Rights has a work to do. The American Federation of Labor believes with Poet Hay that saving a little child, and bringing him back to his own, is a darn sight better business than loafing around the throne.

THE MARCH OF LABOR



NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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MUSICIANS BUY \$100,000 BONDS

WASHINGTON — The American Federation of Musicians (AFL) began its active participation in the Third

War Loan on opening day, September 9, with the purchase of \$100,000 worth of war bonds.

The purchase, authorized by the international executive board, will bring to \$350,000 war bonds. This supplement \$227,000 already invested in Canadian bonds.

PRODUCE FOR VICTORY

Typo. Auxiliary Will Meet On September 27th

Woman's Auxiliary No. 107 to Charlotte Typographical Union No. 338 will meet Monday night, September 27th, at 7:45 o'clock with Mrs. W. R. Cashwell, 1021 South College Street. Mrs. C. L. Granger will be co-hostess. All members are urged to attend this meeting as committees will be appointed and plans will be made for the year's program.