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GREEN SAYS U. S. MUST ASSUME WORLD P E A C E RESPONSIBILITY; UNDER SECRETARY OF WAR WARNS AGAINST DANGEROUS OPTIMISM

BOSTON, Oct. 5.—Delegates to the American Federation of Labor's 63d annual convention yesterday heard Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson caution them against the dangerous optimism of "fence-rail strategists" and cheered their president, William Green, as he called for an end to America's isolationism forever.

Patterson remarked that "some of you present have heard fence-rail strategists say that Germany will crumble this fall as Germany crumbled in the fall of 1918. Or that our victories in the South Pacific have softened up the Japanese and that we can take them easily when the war in Europe is over. I have heard some talk like that—but not around the War department."

The under secretary called 1944 the year of decision, but said that does not mean the end of the war. He said that although the German armies are retreating now, they are retreating in good order, and "soon there will come a day when the forces of the United Nations will reach the lines where the Germans are determined to stand. That will mean fighting of the hardest kind."

Green, in his keynote address said: "This war has taught us that Amer-

ica cannot isolate herself from the rest of the world. As a nation we face a new era in international relations when the war ends. Our first object must be to assure lasting peace. We know now that peaceful intentions on our part are not enough, that we must assume our full share of responsibility, that the warlike tendencies of other nations do not break beyond bounds."

Green asserted that 85 per cent of America's war material is produced by union labor, and "We hope that the bullet that will finally end Hitler's life will bear the union label."

The AFL president said the "tragic figures" of the production front show that "casualties to American workers through accident since Pearl Harbor number 80,000 dead, 7,000,000 injured, on and off the job. . . . Twenty thousand have been killed in the armed forces of our nation. What a striking comparison."

AMERICAN LABOR LEADERS GIVEN CONFIDENTIAL REPORT ON STATUS OF OUR MILITARY GREATNESS

Two American labor leaders this week were given a confidential report on the status of our military might, together with a clear-cut picture of the production and supply problems which must be overcome if we are to win an all-out victory over the continued growing strength of Germany and Japan.

Headed by William Green, president of the AFL, and Philip Murray, president of the CIO, the labor chieftains heard military experts, some of them only recently returned from the World's battle fronts, explain these problems at a two-day War Department Conference of Industry, Labor and Newspaper Leaders in Washington, D. C. Sept. 27 and 28.

The labor leaders were in unanimous agreement that the information disclosed to them at the conference made it plain that the Axis was still strong and that there was no justification for any feeling of complacency or the idea that the war is as good as won.

They heard "off the record" speeches by George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, and General H. H. Arnold, Commanding General, Army Air Forces, along with considerable information of a confidential nature from high officers of the Army Service Forces, Ground Forces and Air Forces.

Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, at whose invitation the more than 200 labor and industrial leaders gathered, declared that the conference "left no doubt that our recent victories have failed to affect in any vital degree the strength of the enemy."

Free Labor Will Out- Produce Nazi Slaves

THE MARCH OF LABOR



... WAS FIRST USED AGAINST BOARDING HOUSES PATRONIZED BY CRAFTSMEN WHO REFUSED TO JOIN THE UNION.

BACK THE ATTACK! BUY A WAR BOND THIS PAY DAY!!



AMERICAN LEGION AND UNION LABOR ARE NOT ENEMIES, SAYS THE IOWA LEGIONAIRE

The American Legion is NOT against Organized Labor. The American Legion is NOT opposed to the closed shop. The American Legion is NOT controlled by enemies of Labor Unionism.

Labor Day was an ideal time for all true Legionaires to impress these facts on the minds of our fellow citizens.

Thousands of leaders and rank and file members of Organized Labor belong to the Legion; many have held and now hold offices in our organization.

Any Legion official, regardless of who he may be, who, through the press, radio, platform, or in private conversation conveys the impression that the Legion is or has ever been against the closed shop, misrepresents the Legion. Personal controversies between Legion and labor leaders are NOT clashes of their groups.

Attempts by certain interests to make strike breakers of Legionaires as such in the early years of the Legion's life were frustrated. Persons who are now trying to use the Legion to combat Organized Labor find the Legion still well balanced and steady.

The Legion deprecates strikes on war production, and says so in clear-cut language; the Legion likewise deprecates treatment of employees by employers which foments strikes.

The Legion condemns labor racketeering, but is equally bitter against business profiteering.

The Legion readily recognizes that laboring men have just as much right

as business men, professional men, farmers, veterans and others with mutual interests have to get together.

True, the Legion and Organized Labor have differed on some questions; also true is that the Legion and the U. S. Chamber of Commerce have differed, but all differences have been argued the American way.

The Legion nationally, or in no state department, has ever adopted a resolution which would warrant any honest person in saying that the Legion is against Organized Labor or is the voice of union foes.

Thinking Legionaires hope this situation will continue for all time. They know that an overwhelming majority of unionists are thoroughly loyal to the U. S. Government, and are just as eager as other citizens to blast destructive isms. They know that a vast majority of unionists are doing a superb job of producing equipment for our armed forces, and that hundreds of thousands of them are serving nobly in uniforms.

Before these truths, we know we speak for all good Legionaires when we wish Organized Labor the best of everything to which it is entitled on Labor Day and every day thereafter.

—The Iowa Legionaire.

ROOSEVELT, IN MESSAGE TO A. F. L. MEETING, PRAISES CONTRIBUTIONS OF LABOR IN FIGHT FOR VICTORY

BOSTON, Oct. 6.—President Roosevelt sent a message to the American Federation of Labor convention Tuesday praising labor's contributions to victory, urged still greater efforts to increase production levels and held out the prospect of a substantial rollback of prices.

The President expressed "gratification at the splendid task that has been done by American wage earners in turning out the munitions and implements of war."

Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, addressing the convention, also praised labor unions generally but said she wanted to "make this perfectly plain. When men are fighting and suffering and dying that we may have peace and well-being, and when there exists, as at present fair and proper machinery for settlement of disputes, no strike is justified."

AFL President William Green called the delegates' attention to Mr. Roosevelt's remark that "in this free country we are proving ourselves able to do voluntarily all that is necessary for the war effort and to stand back of the brave men who go into combat."

Green asked the delegates to "please note that he emphasized the fact that, in his opinion, labor would do voluntarily—I repeat, voluntarily—all that is necessary through the soldiers of production in order to promote the war effort."

The implication of Green's remark was the AFL's continued opposition to compulsory labor controls at this time.

Delegates applauded as the President's message, read by Secretary George Meany, concluded with the statement that "we anticipate a good deal of success in the rollback of prices which will stabilize and reduce the cost of living in essentials. For this the informed co-operation of all our members is needed."

Green commented that "labor knows that prices have been soaring out of all proportion to the standard rates of wages. We are happy indeed in that the President has assured us that it is his firm and determined purpose to see to it that these high prices are rolled back. We will stand with him."

Arthur J. Altmeyer, chairman of the Social Security board, outlined to the convention a proposed unified comprehensive social insurance system. "It would be tragic," he said, "though we achieve the goal of full employment and full production if we did not recognize that even employment and full production it will still be necessary to provide a system to eliminate want, because working people will still be confronted with the great economic hazards of sickness, physical disability, old age, and death as well as intermittent unemployment."

"VICTORY FESTIVAL WEEK" "CALVACADE OF THRILLS" H A M I D ' S "VICTORY REVUE" OCTOBER 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Charlotte's war substitute for the annual Southern States Fair, a gala "Victory Festival Week" to be held on the grounds of the big exposition, will open here on Monday night, Oct. 11, with attractions of state fair magnitude and an overflow of patriotic displays and 4-H Club exhibits.

Veterans of Foreign Wars leaders, sponsors of the festival, have rounded up half a hundred varied entertainment features to give visitors the greatest array of attractions seen in Charlotte since the 1941 fair.

Three afternoons of championship horse racing, two auto thrill show matinees, the mammoth World of Mirth Shows, George A. Hamid's 1943 "Victory Revue," famous circus and hippodrome acts—these are some of the top flight amusement events scheduled.

The trotters and pacers, clashing for \$1,500 in purses, will be in action Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, while Jack Kochman's "Calvacade of Thrills," the auto stunt circus, is scheduled for Tuesday and Saturday only. The revue will be staged nightly in front of the grandstand, with the original "Roxyettes" and numerous specialties.

Thrill-seekers will discover many new features added to the World of Mirth Shows midway since its last appearance at Charlotte. Heading these is Terrell Jacobs' famous wild animal circus, where 50 lions and tigers, a herd of elephants and other jungle beasts perform.

Three different crews of workmen this week were attiring the 96-acre exposition grounds in festive dress. From the grand entrance to the racing stables, the huge area is being trimmed and readied for the gala week.

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



DON'T ADD TO HIS BURDENS!

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!"

IT'S LABOR'S WAR — LET'S FIGHT—WITH PAY DOLLARS IN WAR BONDS.

PRODUCE FOR VICTORY

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.