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## FULL-WORK SCHEDULES FOR WAR PLANTS ORDER OF THE DAY FOR OUR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

WASHINGTON.—Full work schedules, except on the Christmas week-end, should be observed in all war plants, WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson announced as the policy to be followed in the observance of holidays.

Even on the Christmas week-end, it is requested that in mills where continuous operation is essential—blast furnaces, open hearth furnaces producing carbon steel—work go on during the Christmas week-end. Plate mills, because of the critical need for steel plates, also should operate.

The policy was approved, Nelson said, at a meeting of the Production Executive Committee, composed of officials of the procurement agencies and the WPB.

"The need for fully sustained war production is more urgent now than ever before," Nelson said. "The harder we work now the sooner will our boys come home. The best way we can observe our holidays is to devote them to the big job at hand."

## PROBLEMS OF POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION THE ECONOMIC REHABILITATION OF EUROPE

[This article is run as one or a series of three.]

### 1. EUROPE'S REHABILITATION

When the various committees of the United States Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) begin their work, they will quickly become aware of how utterly unprepared the United Nations are to solve the immense tasks with which they are confronted.

In principle, the policies which are now being formulated for relief and rehabilitation mark a great advance over those which were applied after the first World War. Then the task was conceived of as consisting only in supplying food, medicine and clothing to starving people. Today we realize that helping people to rebuild their own economic life is at least as important as it is to supply immediate relief. As the League of Nations has put it, relief is simply ineffective charity if it fails to reconstruct.

Houses and factories have been destroyed, equipment has been looted, transportation systems have been half ruined, flocks and herds have been decimated and from machinery has been worn out in almost every country in Europe. These countries will need not only food, medicine and clothing but also seed, fertilizers and agricultural machines to revive their agriculture, and cotton, metals and many other raw materials to revive their industries. Thus relief and rehabilitation are inseparably linked.

Yet there is a long road between recognizing Europe's needs and satisfying them.

What should be done, for instance, with the giant Skoda works after Czechoslovakia has been liberated? What should they produce? Where should they get their raw materials? How are new managerial staffs to be provided for them after the German managers have disappeared?

Questions similar to these will arise in every liberated country and every country through which the fighting armies have passed.

So far, very little progress has been made toward solving these problems. It is therefore to be hoped that in the discussions which are now taking place at Atlantic City plans for dealing with the first phase of rehabilitation will be worked out in sufficient detail so that they can be carried out promptly and efficiently when the time comes.

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

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## BACK THE FIGHTING MEN WITH FIGHTING DOLLARS



U. S. Treasury Department

## A PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

By RUTH TAYLOR

With humble and contrite hearts, we gather together this Thanksgiving Day, 1943, to give praise unto Thee, most bountiful Giver of Gifts.

The shadows of war have darkened our lives. We have been menaced by the enemy from without. From within we are still hampered by our own self-will and personal ambitions. Our nearest and dearest are being sent into danger all over the world. The even tenor of our ordered lives has been shattered.

Yet we have thanks to Thee, O God, and bless Thy name for Thy manifold mercies vouchsafed unto us.

We thank Thee for this land of ours, its fertility, its resources, its homes, its people who are still free to fight and work and strive for freedom for all the world.

We thank Thee that we are Americans; that the days of prosperity and peace did not sap the spirit which was our heritage from those who came to this land seeking freedom to worship Thee according to their own consciences; that as Americans, regardless of class, creed or color, we can stand firm, shoulder to shoulder in the struggle for the rights of all mankind.

We thank Thee that we are a United States; that we can differ in details of theology, of economics, of politics and still be united in demanding for and in granting to all others the same freedom we claim for ourselves.

We thank Thee for the victories granted us, not merely over our enemies on land, sea and in the air, but on that battling ground within ourselves for the day by day clash between the forces of prejudice and ill will and the forces of neighborliness and fair play.

We thank Thee for Thy purpose in our lives as peoples and as a nation; that we may in Thy good time establish more firmly the democracy whose command is Thine—"Love thy neighbor as thyself," and bring Thy Kingdom to reign on earth from now until everlasting. —AMEN.

## Billion Dollars Saved Tenants By Rent Control

WASHINGTON, No. 23.—The OPA said today that if it were not for its controls, the nation's rent bills would be \$1,000,000,000 higher this year.

Basing this estimated saving on the results of a survey in 39 war production centers, the agency stated that despite the slice, landlords are better off than they were in 1939 and 1940.

"Actual figures taken from the books of landlords throughout the country show that the rate of net operating income for apartment houses during the six months of rent control was 34 per cent greater than in 1939," said OPA. "The increase for landlords of small structures over the same period was 30 per cent."

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

## MONT.-WARD LOSES SUIT TO PTG. TRADES

CHICAGO, Ill.—Montgomery Ward & Co., the nation's foremost laboring chain catalogue house, lost a suit which it filed for \$105,200 against the Chicago Printing Trades Council. The union printers refused to do work on Ward's 1943 catalogue which was contracted to the R. R. Donnelley and Sons Co., the largest open-shop printing firm in the nation. It was dismissed by Superior Court Judge Frank M. Padden.

## Philippine Pres. Thanks Morrison For His Support

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Congressman Cameron Morrison of the Tenth North Carolina district, who last week threw his support behind the joint resolution passed by Congress to keep Manuel L. Quezon, in office, today had a letter from Mr. Quezon thanking him.

"I have read the speech you made in support of the joint resolution keeping me in office and I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," wrote the Philippine President, who now resides in the nation's capital while his country is dominated by the Japanese.

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Free Labor Will Out- Produce Nazi Slaves

## WAR LABOR BOARD AGENT GIVES OUT A STATEMENT AS TO CHRISTMAS BONUSES

RALEIGH, Nov. 22.—"Christmas or year-end bonuses and gifts to employees larger in amount or computed on a different basis than in 1942 will not be approved by the War Labor Board," Mrs. Pauline W. Horton, federal Wage-Hour and WYB agent, said here today.

Mrs. Horton pointed out that the only exceptions to this rule will be in cases where the non-payment of a bonus or gift would be "grossly inequitable and would result in a manifest injustice to the employees involved."

This policy is the result of instructions issued to regional boards by the National War Labor Board, Mrs. Horton explained. She said that these are the same instructions that were issued last year for the purpose of preventing pay increases not permissible under the Wage Stabilization Act.

"In cases where the employer is in doubt, applications should be made as early as possible to the Wage-Hour office, accompanied by sufficient information to enable the Regional Board in Atlanta to apply the above criteria," Mrs. Horton said. North Carolina's Wage-Hour office is located in the Labor Building in Raleigh.

## THE SUM DEATH PAYMENT UNDER SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM RANGE BETWEEN \$60 AND \$250

[This article is carried at the request of our Government, and the Federal Security Agency of the Social Security Board, Charlotte, N. C. These articles are not strictly Union Labor, but they deal with conditions that may now, and will later have a bearing upon our membership. This is Article No. 4, and the last of the series.—Ed.]

The lump-sum death payment is essentially a funeral payment, and it is made only if there is no widow, child, or parent immediately eligible for monthly benefits.

If a widow or widower survives, the lump-sum payment is made to her or to him. If no widow or widower is living, the payment is made to the worker's children. If no widow, widower or child is living, the lump-sum payment is made to the parent or parents.

Where there are no near relatives (of the classes listed above) payment may be made to the person or persons who have paid the funeral expenses.

That receipt of a lump-sum payment does not make a widow or parent ineligible for monthly payments at age 65, nor will the lump sum be deducted from the later payments. Thus, the widow under 65 who has no minor children will receive an immediate lump-sum payment and then when she reaches age 65 she will also get her monthly payments. The dependent parent who is under 65 at the time of his son (or daughter's) death will receive the lump sum now and then upon reaching age 65 will also get monthly payments.

Like all other types of payments, the amount of the lump sum depends upon the amount of the worker's earnings and the length of time he has worked. Most of the payments range between \$60 and \$250.

## CHEAP LABOR, CHEAP WORKERS, CHEAP BUSINESS

Cheap labor not only makes cheap workers, but makes cheap business for any city or community. Cheap labor makes for cheap jobs. Cheap jobs mean little money for the storekeeper, butcher and the baker. Ask the merchant if he prefers WPA to well paid laborers.

## THE MARCH OF LABOR

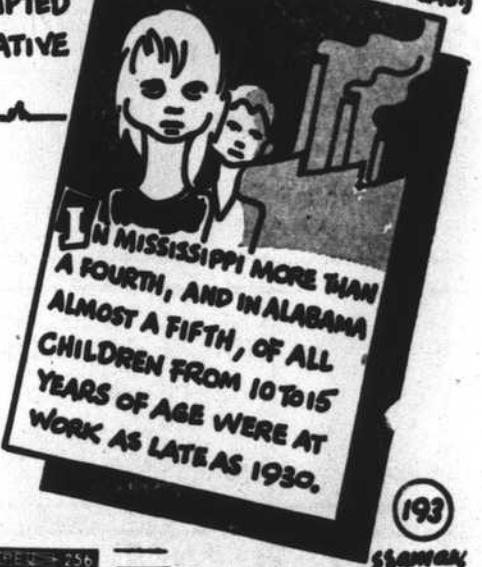


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