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## HOWARD BEATTY HEADS VA-CAR. TPYO CONFERENCE AT 23RD ANNUAL MEET. HELD IN CHARLOTTE SUNDAY

Howard Beatty of the Charlotte Observer composing room, was elected president of the Virginia Carolinas Typographical Conference at the Mecklenburg Sunday at the 23rd annual meeting.

A large representation from the three states and the District of Columbia were in attendance. Mr. Beatty succeeded O. S. Trigg of Greensboro. Other officers elected were O. W. Jones of Durham vice-president I. G. Tamsburg of Charleston, secretary-treasurer, and Tom Sothorn of Danville, Va., labor commissioner.

The convention consisted of three sessions, Saturday night, Sunday morning and a luncheon at 1 P. M. Sunday. C. J. Pridden, president of the Charlotte local union, presided. Claude L. Albee welcomed the visitors. John P. White was toastmaster at the luncheon. Mayor E. H. Baxter brought greetings for the municipality and the Rev. J. G. Garth offered the prayer. The principal guest speaker was State Senator Roy E. Berry of Columbia. Others making short talks were P. H. Batte, Joe Lawrence, E. L. Williams, Henry Stalls, and E. L. Thayer of Florida, representative of the international president. The musical program consisted of songs by Misses Betty and Jean Beatty, daughters of the new president, accompanied by Mrs. Byron Luna. Typographer Hugh Sykes' new, snappy war song, "Victory," was sung with great success by Miss Martha Beam.—News, Monday, Nov. 26.

## DONATIONS BY AFL MEMBERSHIP IN WAR BOND CAMPAIGN SHOWS UNIONS RESPONDED IN LARGE WAY

NEW YORK CITY.—An all-time record for AFL contributions to war relief and community needs is well on the way, according to nation-wide reports on this year's campaign in support of the National War Fund, now reaching the Labor League for Human Rights.

In spite of the handicap of increased taxes and the higher cost of living, many key cities from coast to coast have already reported AFL contributions considerably in excess of those made in last year's campaign, when organized labor was acknowledged to be the largest single giver to Community Chests and war relief drives.

One of the outstanding contributions so far made for any one plant is credited to the Consolidated Aircraft factory in San Diego, California, where AFL workers donated the record-breaking sum of \$151,000 in addition to management's contribution of \$100,000 to the campaign. A F. L. leaders in San Diego have declared their intention of returning to Consolidated Aircraft and continuing their campaign, and are confident that additional contributions will carry the total employee collection from this plant to well over the \$200,000 mark. Apart from the Consolidated figure, the average contribution to the campaign by AFL members in the city of San Diego as a whole now stands at \$14.52.

AFL workers at the Navy shipyard in Charleston, S. C., have turned in a total of \$77,273.48, more than three

times their quota of \$25,000. The 1,900 employees of the Charleston Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, under contract to the AFL, have so far raised \$12,500, exceeding their set goal by \$6,500. The overall goal for the city of Charleston has been exceeded by \$73,500, and H. W. Houke, chairman of the Charleston County United War Fund, has declared that labor was "very instrumental in the success of the campaign."

Other cities have come close to matching the spectacular achievements of San Diego and Charleston. Watertown, N. Y., with results reported from only two unions, the Building Trades and the Machinists, has raised \$13,000, an outstanding gain over last year's total labor contribution of \$2,300.

In Toledo, the iron workers took first place among the AFL unions of the city in the early days of the campaign, with a contribution averaging \$14 per capita. Elizabeth, N. J., now in the mid-point of its campaign, reports a collection of \$65,000, an increase of more than \$20,000 over 1942.

AFL leaders in Elizabeth are confident that at least \$10,000 will be added to that total before the close of the drive.

## R. A. Scoggins Named Labor Member Of Public Relations Panel In The "Home Front Pledge Campaign"

A program of enlisting the general public in a co-operative effort with the OPA in its rationing and price control work will be launched in Mecklenburg by the public relations panel, of which Charles H. Crutchfield is chairman, about December 1, it was announced Monday.

The drive will be known as the Home Front Pledge campaign and the object will be to have every consumer, retailer, wholesaler, and manufacturer join in a battle against price increases, and the many aspects of inflation, Mr. Crutchfield said.

The public relations panel will attempt to see that every information agency in the community is used to distribute full information about the vital importance of co-operating with the rationing and price control efforts of the various officials charged with handling the details of the programs.

The whole purpose of the OPA is to see that available goods are distributed evenly with everybody getting a fair share. The job is a big one, however, and only by completely co-ordinated efforts of everybody in the community can the objective be attained, it was said.

Chairman Crutchfield yesterday explained that the panel members will include R. A. Scoggins, representative of labor, while Chairman Martin L. Cannon of the Civilian Defense committee will name a representative from his group.—Observer.

## WHEN THE NAZIS ARE DEFEATED A HUGE TASK WILL FACE US IN GIVING WARTORN EUROPE RELIEF

### 2. THE FRAMEWORK OF EUROPEAN RECONSTRUCTION.

When the Nazis have been defeated, the first task will be to bring relief—food, medicine, clothing—to the starving people of Europe and help them begin reconstructing their houses, factories and agriculture. The latter job will require help from abroad in the form of raw materials and equipment and, in many cases, managerial staff and skilled workmen.

But the international agencies which will be charged with providing relief and reconstruction will also have to create a new economic framework in Europe. This framework will have to foster world prosperity through expanding markets and rising living standards.

The task of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in this respect is no less important than its task in providing relief and rehabilitation. It will have to make recommendations to the governments of the United Nations with regard to the general economic framework of Europe. It might even be charged with carrying out some of the general projects whose purpose is to create favorable conditions for economic security and economic expansion.

What does this task consist of? The London Economist provides the answer.

"The various agencies which will presumably be set up under the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration," the Economist writes, "can become the growing points of such regional services as transport, public utilities, public health. The 'scrambling' of European industry under the Nazis can be used to maintain a number of key points—certain heavy industries perhaps—under some form of international responsible control. Finally, the investment policy of the Great Powers should be used wherever possible to initiate development projects—hydroelectric schemes, trunk roads, land reclamation—which cross national frontiers."

Such activities would have a very important effect on world peace and world security, the Economist points out.

In the process of building up a general economic framework for Europe, the economic activities of various European countries will be "mixed up" in greater or less degree. In other words, they will be "internationalized." The Economist contends that the hope of taking the economic sting out of national frontiers will depend on the degree of "mixing up" that can be achieved. Such "mixing up" will make it possible to "create common interests for the new generation of scientists, technicians and administrators and, most important of all, to find some way of allowing the defeated nations their chance of economic prosperity without thereby restoring their military hegemony," the Economist writes.

## PAY HIKE FOR RAIL WORKERS WINS APPROVAL OF SENATE COM. DESPITE PROTEST OF VINSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—A congressional resolution granting an eight-cent-an-hour wage increase to 1,100,000 nonoperating railroad workers won the unanimous approval of the Senate interstate commerce committee yesterday.

The committee's action—in the face of protests by Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson—cleared the way for Senate consideration of the proposal.

Vinson has countered with an offer of increases ranging from 4 cents for higher paid workers to 10 cents for lower brackets. A congressional order for the flat eight cent boost would crack the "Little Steel" formula—a contention denied by the workers.

Senator Truman, Democrat of Montana, sponsor of the resolution, said he would call it up before the Senate "at the earliest opportunity." It would have the effect of validating an agreement last August between the work-

ers and the railroads on the eight-cent boost.

The 15 unions embracing the non-operating employes, such as machinists, clerks, and others who do not run trains, have completed a strike vote, but results have not been announced.

Operating railroad workers—engineers, etc.—also are conducting a strike vote in protest against a four-cent an hour award.

The eight-cent increase for the non-operating workers originally was recommended by a presidential board but Vinson vetoed it. A second board proposed the four-to-10-cent-an-hour boost which he approved.

## BUY MORE WAR BONDS—WHO DARES NOT TO BUY?

I have seen the hospitals with the mauled men, the legless and blind, the fingerless hands and the burned faces—all the destruction that steel and fire can do to a man's body and mind. I have seen children hauled out of blasted building lumps of crushed, dirty meat in pinafores, and dead—boxed and buried carrion. In God's name what is it for except to get this horrible thing over with as quickly and as thoroughly as possible? And if this is true, it should not be a matter of—Who will lend his money? But, Who dares not to?—John Steinbeck.

### WORK!

Work! Thank God for the swing of it,  
For the clamoring, hammering ring of it.  
Passion of labor, daily hurried  
On the mighty anvils of the world.  
Oh, what is so fierce as the flame of it  
What is so huge as the aim of it?  
Thundering on through dearth and doubt.  
Calling the plan of the maker out.  
Work, the titan; work, the friend,  
Shaping the earth to a glorious end,  
Draining the swamps and blasting the hills.  
Doing whatever the spirit wills—  
To answer the dream in the Master's heart,  
Thank God for a world where none may shirk,  
Thank God for the splendor of work!

—Angela Morgan.



"SHUCKS, SI, IT WAS SIMPLE SOLVING MY MANPOWER SHORTAGE. JUST CROSSED MY CORN WITH MEXICAN JUMPING BEAN AND POPCORN." —RFS—OH

## "LET'S GO U.S.A.—KEEP 'EM FLYING"

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.

## Free Labor Will Out-Produde Nazi Slaves

### A Few Words About A Faithful Ally

Editor Charlotte Labor Journal:

Ever since the Italian attack on Greece on October 28, 1940, the people of that dauntless little country are doing their share for Victory. True to their traditions, the Greeks are still fighting. They are giving their all to the cause championed by the United States.

A practical appreciation of Greece's record in this war, calls for the speedy feeding of her starving population and for the cession to her, as soon as she is liberated, of her national territories which are: the Dodecanese; Northern Epirus; Northern Thrace and the island of Cyprus.

As an American who believes in justice and fairness, please help Greece by considering favorably her pressing needs and her rightful national aspirations. Thank you.

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In the Victory Garden?..... <input type="checkbox"/>	By accepting rationing cheerfully?..... <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>CONSERVE</b> your food?	By buying no more rationed food than you really need?..... <input type="checkbox"/>
By washing nothing—cleaning the plate?..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>PLAY SQUARE</b> with food?
By preserving food in your home?..... <input type="checkbox"/>	By always turning in your stamps when you buy rationed foods?..... <input type="checkbox"/>
By substituting plentiful for scarce foods?..... <input type="checkbox"/>	By paying no more than top legal prices?..... <input type="checkbox"/>
By serving the right foods for strength and health?..... <input type="checkbox"/>	

FOOD IS THE MIGHTIEST WEAPON OF THEM ALL

THE MARGIN BETWEEN FREEDOM AND SLAVERY FOR LABOR MAY BE TEN PERCENT