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## A. F. OF L. TEXTILE WORKERS DELEGATES FROM N. C. AND S. C. LOCALS MEET IN ASHEVILLE

ASHEVILLE, Dec. 12.—With some 250 in attendance a two-day conference of delegates from various units of the United Textile Workers of America from North Carolina and South Carolina opened with a banquet here Saturday night.

The session was continued with an open meeting from 11 until 1 o'clock Sunday and followed by an executive business session open only to members of the organization at 2 o'clock.

Speakers at the opening banquet included Howard T. Colvin, southern director of the conciliation service of the United States Department of Labor; Francis J. Gorman, international vice president of the United Textile Workers of America, an A. F. of L. affiliate; and Forrest Shuford, commissioner of labor for North Carolina.

Mr. Colvin urged the continued co-operation of management and labor in an all-out war effort and warned against any optimism which might tend to slow war production. He declared that production is the only path to victory and that nothing must be allowed to stand in the way of this.

Mr. Gorman told of the part that organized labor is playing in the winning of the war and the winning of the peace.

Mr. Shuford commended the representatives of the various local organizations for the splendid co-operation that has been achieved with industry.

C. E. Earnhardt, international vice president of the U. T. W. A., who makes his headquarters in Spartanburg, served as master of ceremonies.

## WINSTON-SALEM CO. IS ACCUSED OF VIOLATING FED. REGULATION

RALEIGH, Dec. 14 — A hearing will be held in Winston-Salem beginning tomorrow on charges by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins against the Dize Awning and Tent company of Winston-Salem and A. T. Dize and L. M. Dize, individually and as officers of the company, the State Department said today.

The Secretary of Labor's complaint, the Labor department said, charges that in the performance of government contracts the respondents illegally employed home workers, falsified and failed to keep records required by the regulations issued by the public contracts administrator, failed to pay required overtime com-

ensation, and violated a number of public safety and health regulations. The complaint also seeks the imposition of the penalty of \$10 a day for each child knowingly employed, the collection of overtime compensation for affected employees, and asks the imposition of the blacklist penalty provided in the act, the Labor department said.

The hearing will be presided over by E. West Parkinson of Washington, senior trial examiner of the public contracts division of the United States Department of Labor. The government's case will be presented by George A. Downing of Atlanta, Ga., regional attorney of the United States department, and D. Lacy McBryde of Raleigh, State attorney for North Carolina. The defendants are represented by L. P. McLendon of Greensboro and Dallas McLennan of Winston-Salem.

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

## N. C. EMPLOYMENT INCREASE OF 116,000 WORKERS, WITH A PAYROLL INCREASE 300 MILLION

Over 10,000 employers in North Carolina show a wartime employment increase of some 116,000 and a total payroll increase of \$300,000,000, as the difference between their 1940 and 1942 wage reports to the Unemployment Compensation Commission, it was announced today by Wade H. Williams, Claims Deputy.

For the state as a whole, employers reported for 1942 an average of 474,872 workers who received \$430,584,323 in 1940. In Mecklenburg County, an average of 46,397 workers who earned \$692,200.72 were reported for 1942. This is in contrast to the 1940 report of 37,065 average employment and \$421,643.90 wages paid.

Such an increase in employment has given the Commission a much bigger job of record keeping, Mr. Williams said. While average employment indicates the number of jobs, because of labor turn-over, there are often twice as many individual workers for whom wages are reported. The Commission keeps a separate earning account for each one of them.

## "PETE" TIFFOLI IS COMMISSIONED A LIEUTENANT

Peter V. Toffoli, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Toffoli Sr. of Belt Rd., Hoskins, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. Army Air Corps after completing the officers' training

course at the Army's aviation technical school at Yale University, New Haven, Conn. Lt. Toffoli is a graduate of Thomasboro High School and of N. C. State College's aeronautical engineering school. Immediately after being commissioned he was assigned to duty as assistant engineering officer at the Army Air Base, Lakeland, Fla. Mr. Toffoli, Sr., is well known in A. F. of L. labor circles in Charlotte.

## SOUTHERN RAILROADS DEFEY EXECUTIVE ORDER AS TO RACE DISCRIMINATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The committee appointed by President Roosevelt to prevent discrimination against Negroes and other minority groups in war jobs was defied yesterday by 16 southern railroads, which termed its orders empty of authority.

This agency, called the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice, disputed the railroads' contention and followed up with another similar order, this one directing West coast shipyard unions to end alleged discrimination against Negro shipbuilders.

The 16 carriers wrote that they would not obey the FEPC order of November 24 (which was chiefly designed to permit promotion of Negroes to better jobs on the railroads) because, they said, the committee "is wholly without constitutional and legal jurisdiction and power to issue directives, and for this reason the said directives are without legal effect."

Both the railroad and shipyard orders were issued under an Executive order in which the President forbade any contractor doing business with the government to discriminate against employees or would-be employ-

ees for racial or religious reasons. It is wholly impractical, the railroads said in a joint letter to the FEPC, to attempt to handle delicate interracial problems in southern states by decree. Further, they argued that changes in relations between carriers and unions can be accomplished only under the railway labor act. They spoke of "disastrous results" resulting from, for instance, the promotion of Negroes to locomotive engineers or train conductors which "would antagonize the traveling and shipping public served by them."

Chairman Malcolm Ross of the FEPC, replying, said the engineer-conductor idea wasn't even at issue but that "the granting of over-due rights to Negro railroad men" aspiring to jobs like fireman or brakeman, "far from being a cause for disorder, could be so managed as to improve service" and raise Negro morale.

## LITTLE CHANGE FELT IN N. C. FATHER DRAFT

RALEIGH, Dec. 14.—Recent congressional passage of father-draft deferment legislation will have practically no effect in North Carolina, because this state has been following the policies outlined in the bill since drafting of fathers began October 1, state selective service officials said yesterday.

In fact, they said, North Carolina has followed the policy of putting fathers at the bottom of the list since the draft first started in 1940.

Officials stated that specific instructions were given all local selective service boards before October 1 that in no instance were fathers to be called if there were any available replacement.

By this procedure, they said, boards now calling up pre-Pearl Harbor fathers have exhausted all other available classes, and the new law placing them at the bottom of the list will have no effect, since the "bottom" already has been reached.

## APPROVE LABOR CONTRACT

WASHINGTON.—Wage increases and provisions relating to vacations, holidays, and overtime for 500 employees of the motor carrier operators of Atlanta, Ga., were approved last week by the War Labor board trucking commission.

## ADD RATION STAMP AS PAY KITCHEN FATS

WASHINGTON.—The Office of Price Administration's new program of paying brown ration stamps for salvaged kitchen fats started Monday, December 13.

Retailers will give housewives one ration point for each half pound of used fats turned in and will also continue payment of four cents a pound for the salvage.

The points-for-fats program is intended to spur collection of fats needed for manufacture of glycerine and sulfa drugs.

## TOBACCO CROP LIKELY TO BRING QUARTER BILLION

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 14.—North Carolina's king of crops—tobacco—has been truly a golden leaf in more ways than color this year.

Thus far in the season the crop has brought \$223,376,176.55 to growers of the State.

Most of the markets have already closed for the season, and only a few auction centers of the Middle and Old Belts will continue operations through the remainder of December.

MAKE PAYDAY VICTORY DAY

Here Is Where They Smoked 'Em



New York—Showing where the cigarettes were smoked in Africa, Sgt. Philip Cohen, who was wounded in Africa and is now convalescing in the U. S. A., thanks Matthew Woll, President of the Labor League for Human Rights (AFL), for the League's gifts of free cigarettes to soldiers on the fighting fronts. Cigarettes reached his outfit while they were under fire, reported Sgt. Cohen, a member of the Cloak and Dress Drivers' Union, Local 102 of the ILGWU.

## FOOD CONSERVATION QUIZ

QUESTIONS

- The habit of week-end buying does not cause waste. True..... False.....
- It is necessary to inspect packaged foods frequently. True..... False.....
- Nutritionists and medical authorities agree that our diets are weakest in fruits and vegetables. According to garbage studies, what percentage of food waste is made up of these two food groups? 50%..... 10%..... 28%..... over 50%.....
- Fifty million meals a day are served in public eating places in the United States. The food scraped off the plates equals the amount of food needed for how many soldiers' meals? 50,000..... 1,000,000..... 3,000,000..... 5,000,000.....
- Think now before you answer. Hidden waste is garbage kept under cover. True..... False.....

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## THE MARCH OF LABOR

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