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### PRESIDENT C. A. FINK SENDS SEASON'S GREETINGS TO WORKERS AND FRIENDS

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Mr. W. M. Witter, Editor, Charlotte Labor Journal:

I wish to extend to you and to yours heartiest Christmas Greetings, and I would like to take this opportunity to extend the Season's Greetings to all our co-workers and friends. My sincere wishes for a most joyous Christmas, and a victorious New Year, a year that finds us pushing on shoulder to shoulder with our armed forces, with a fervent determination never to let down until we have crushed the foes of justice and peace, and have won the victory for which we are fighting, and that it may bring peace and justice to all nations and happy reunions when our loved ones can lay down arms and return home. May we re-dedicate our lives to the ideals of the great "Prince of Peace" with the hope that ere long we shall have "on earth, Peace, Good Will toward men."

Fraternally,  
C. A. FINK, President  
N. C. State Federation of Labor.

### THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

"And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for him in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'"

—St. Luke 2:7-14.

### GOV. BROUGHTON SENDS LABOR GREETINGS—SALUTES THE ARMY OF WORKERS IN NORTH CAROLINA

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
RALEIGH

J. MELVILLE BROUGHTON  
GOVERNOR

December 16, 1943.

Mr. W. M. Witter, Publisher  
Charlotte Labor Journal  
Charlotte, N. C.

My dear Mr. Witter:

It is pleasing to have the opportunity again to express in your Christmas issue a word of greeting to the workers of North Carolina.

This undoubtedly should be the happiest Christmas in the history of North Carolina labor, because it marks the close of a record year in the production of things essential for the winning of the war. North Carolina industry, with nearly one million men and women employed, has attracted national attention by its record of performance during these recent critical years. Management and Labor have cooperated in a spirit of harmony and patriotism. The results have been amazing. The record will constitute a large part of the North Carolina chapter in the history of this greatest of all wars.

With more than two hundred and thirty-five thousand of our sons in the armed service of the nation and with many of our women likewise enrolled in the armed services, we have a large stake in the issues involved in this war. Every principle and ideal which we cherish is involved in the outcome of this struggle. It is gratifying to know that with superb cooperation between Labor and Management, and agriculture with its highly responsible part of the burden, have combined to give North Carolina a top ranking place among the states of the nation.

I salute at this Christmas season the men and women who constitute the great army of workers in North Carolina. You have earned the gratitude and praise of the State. I wish for all of you the happiest Christmas of your lives.

Governor of North Carolina.  
Sincerely,  
J. M. BROUGHTON.

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### BUY WAR BONDS OUT OF EVERY PAY ENVELOPE

### A 20 PER CENT BIGGER JOB IS OURS FOR 1944

WASHINGTON.—The war production job for 1944 is at least 20 per cent bigger "than the excellent job done this year," Charles E. Wilson, WPB Executive Vice Chairman, told a meeting of WPB Division Directors. "Not only is the job a bigger one," he went on, "but one which in many ways is more difficult since we are entering a phase in which changes in the program—changes that cannot be foreseen—produce problems that require the greatest ingenuity for their solution."

"Our job for many months to come is to produce munitions in an ever-increasing flow," Wilson added. "Our losses in battle are as low as they have been because we have had a great abundance of supplies of all kinds."

All production facilities are practically in place, he said. Raw materials are under control, and although there are some bad spots in manpower, things there are in better shape than many believe.

Reconversion will play some part in the 1944 program, he said, but "we must get it out of people's heads that the war is finished."

### Telegraphers Not Entitled 'Availability'

WASHINGTON.—The WMC has ruled that former employees of the Postal Telegraph Co., now merged with the Western Union Co., can no longer be considered as laid off, discharged or otherwise involuntarily separated from employment when transferred to the payrolls of the second company. Such employees are not, therefore, entitled to statements showing their availability for new employment.



### WE WILL MISS THE NEXT ISSUE

The Government in its rules concerning newspapers that have the mailing permit gives the publishers the privilege of skipping one issue in the 52 weeks of the year—so we will skip the issue of December 30th, 1943—and start fresh on January 6, 1944—fighting the good fight for justice and freedom—as we have these 14 years as publisher of the Labor Journal and these 56 years as a UNION man.

The week will give us a chance to figure up our final income tax for March 15th and further give us a chance to catch up on much needed prayer—prayer for VICTORY first—and VICTORY later—Victory for all people who work hard, fight hard and pray hard; prayer for our President, prayer for our beloved South; prayer for guidance of our leaders throughout the world, and prayer for all our friends all over the world—prayer for the Poles, the Czechs, the Jews, the Russians, the Chinese, the Greeks, and for every man and woman, everywhere and anywhere who is on the side of our UNITED STATES. God Bless America—Always.

P.S.—Prayer also for guidance to find the source from which we will be able to pay our income taxes.

W. M. WITTER, Editor  
CHARLOTTE LABOR JOURNAL.

### J. A. SCOGGINS EXTENDS CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

W. M. Witter, Publisher,  
Charlotte Labor Journal

On behalf of my self and the Charlotte Central Labor Union I again extend best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a better New Year to our fellow members and the general public.

We know what a trying year we have just passed, and let us be proud of the part that we North Carolinians in the Labor movement have played in doing their part. I believe that if an official survey were made it would prove that we in North Carolina have as good a labor record as you would find anywhere in the Nation. We have worked unflinchingly, we have supported our brethren in arms, and we have bought more than our quota of war bonds. Let the sacrifices come, we'll stand up to them with the true spirit of the Old South and with the love of our country in our hearts.

Let us not minimize the part played in this fine record by The Labor Journal here in Charlotte and in the state, by the Central Labor Union and by the members. But we must steel ourselves to further work—and further sacri-

### A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The American Federation of Labor extends its sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of its members and friends.

We gratefully acknowledge the tremendous accomplishments of the members of the American Federation of Labor on the war production lines and their generous response to all calls for the purchase of war bonds and for donations to war relief activities.

In this connection, we believe that the following message from Matthew Woll, head of the Labor League for Human Rights, is particularly appropriate:

"Christmas is more than a holiday. It is an attitude stronger than circumstance, and therefore an attitude that manifests itself even in the face of the brutal realities of war.

"'Goodwill to men' can be a well-meaning platitude, or a call to action. It has been a call to action for the six and one-half million members of the American Federation of Labor, who this year gave more than \$30,000,000 for relief of the needy and the unfortunate at home and abroad, through the Labor League for Human Rights.

"This goodwill has been demonstrated in the warm garments sent to colthe the homeless children of London, in the food ships bearing bread and milk to the starving people of Greece, in the medicines sent to help fight epidemics in China and Yugoslavia—in all the vital aid sent by American labor to those who are fighting side by side with us to win this war. It has been shown in the added comforts sent to Army camps and to servicemen on the fighting fronts, and in innumerable community welfare projects established with the aid of organized labor.

"And because the working people of America have borne a heavy burden in this second year of war, their contributions have a special significance. Where others have given out of their surplus, labor has voluntarily and generously shared its diminishing real wage.

"The members of the American Federation of Labor have manifested the true Christmas spirit, the spirit embodied in that great utterance, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Let us stand behind our soldiers and our Government in whatever duties they hold out to us to perform. In that way, under the guidance of God, we'll win the battle and prepare ourselves for the better world to come. I wish you one and all a Joyous Holiday Season, and may God bless you all, your children on the battlefield and your children at home.

J. A. SCOGGINS,  
President Charlotte Central Labor Union.