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### ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS ONE OF HIS FINEST; EVEN CAPITAL LOUD IN 'APPLAUSE' OVER DRAFTING OF MEN AND WOMEN IN WAR WORK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—President Roosevelt stunned Congress Tuesday with a request for legislation allowing the drafting of men and women for war work—key point in a broad program laid down in his annual message for winning the war and winning the peace.

Saying such a measure would prevent strikes, Mr. Roosevelt expressed conviction that the American people would welcome it and said it would give our enemies "demoralizing assurance that we mean business—that we, 130,000,000 Americans, are on the march to Rome, Berlin, and Tokyo."

There had been reports beforehand that the President might make such a request, but the legislators generally had discounted these and most were taken by surprise. Immediate reaction ranged from the tag "labor conscription" applied by Senator Johnson, Democrat of Colorado, through coolness and caution to warm support, the latter chiefly from a small minority of members who already had advocated such a law themselves.

There was general applause, however, for a presidential plea for national unity, and many administration followers indicated a trend on second thought toward swinging into line behind his request for a national service act.

Chairman May, Democrat of Kentucky, of the House military committee, after first saying he was "not hot for it," later said he supposed his committee would report "some kind of national service legislation." Chairman Reynolds, Democrat of North Carolina, of the Senate military committee expressed outright opposition.

Because he still is not fully recovered from the effects of grippe, the President sent his message to Congress rather than delivering it in person as has been his custom since he took office. It was read to Senate and House by clerks, but Mr. Roosevelt arranged to broadcast major portions of it to the public tonight.

The message set forth a five-point program of wartime legislation, asked also for laws assuring that those in the armed services can vote in this year's election, gave assurance that no secret treaties or political commitments were made at the Teheran and Cairo conferences, and outlined a post-war "bill of economic rights," asking that Congress explore means for implementing it.

### RAILWAY AND STEAMSHIP CLERKS, FREIGHT HANDLERS, EXPRESS CLKS., STATION EMPLOYEES WIN RAISE

G. A. Link, general chairman of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees, Southern Railway System Lines, said Monday members of his organization had obtained time and one half pay concessions in arbitration under the National Railway Labor Act.

The changes will affect approximately 8,000 employees of the Southern Railway effective today.

All employees represented by the brotherhood and employed by the Southern who are required to work on Sunday or the seventh day of the week will receive time and a half pay, under the new agreement.

Most of these employees are now required to work from 48 to 56 hours a week and in some cases as much as 68 to 70 hours because of the heavy flow of wartime traffic, Link said. They already receive time and a half pay for more than eight hours in any one day or for more than 48 hours in any one week.

The brotherhood asked the railway for readjustments of their contract last February. Arbitration hearings were held in Washington in December and approval of the findings by the National Railway Labor Panel and by the War Department were obtained yesterday, Link said.

The agreement, he added, in no way affects the present wage negotiations now being carried on between the carriers and the brotherhoods.

### A COUNTY-WIDE RATIONING AND PRICE CEILING CAMPAIGN WILL CONTINUE THREE WEEKS

A county-wide campaign, stressing rationing and price ceilings, designed to encourage co-operation between all citizens and the Government, has been launched by the Price Panel of the Mecklenburg War Price and Rationing Board. The campaign will continue three weeks and plans provide for the following message to be carried to every home in the county:

"I will pay no more than top legal prices."  
"I will accept no rationed goods without giving up ration coupons."

Citizens in all walks of life, organized labor, civic clubs, Parent-Teacher groups, Home Demonstration Clubs, Rural Community Leaders, Women's organization, press and radio are to take part, in addition to merchants and members of the Civilian Defense organization of the county.

Charles Crutchfield is chairman of the panel; J. A. Scoggins, represents Labor; Mrs. John Newitt, P. T. A.; Mrs. J. O. Brown, Women's Clubs; Dr. William Powell, ministers; George W. Dowdy, merchants, and Miss Helen John Wright, rural citizens.

During the three-week campaign, stress will be placed on telling citizens how price ceilings help fight inflation and keep prices from skyrocketing. Citizens will be urged to co-operate in rationing by surrendering coupons for all rationed goods purchased, using only what they need, so that there will be ample supplies for the Armed Forces.

Sunday, 148 ministers introduced the campaign by mentioning the effort to their congregations. Monday, merchants of the city began placing pamphlets in all outgoing packages and mail, outlining the purpose of the effort, and William Parker, Junior Chamber of Commerce president, arranged for speakers to visit civic clubs and explain the effort.

Merchants, too, began displaying placards in their show windows stressing the central theme of the campaign—a pledge to pay no more than top legal prices or accept rationed goods without giving up ration coupons.

The climax of the campaign will come on January 21 when pledge cards will be distributed to citizens generally asking that they make a signed promise to support the theme of the fight against inflation. Distribution of these pledge cards will be made through the schools and with Civilian Defense Workers calling at homes where there are no school children.

The whole campaign, said J. A. Scoggins, Labor representative, and chairman of the Rationing Board, is to secure more wholehearted support of the rationing program; help fight inflation and bring the community to a deeper realization that America has a war to fight and all citizens should do everything in their power to aid in on the home front, so the fighting front can keep up the mighty blows against the enemy.

### TEAMSTERS UNION PURCHASES HOME FOR MOTHERS OF INVALIDED SAILORS AT SEATTLE

SEATTLE.—This city's biggest and best Christmas present was given by the Joint Council of Teamsters, headed by Dave Beck, to the mothers of American sailors invalided at local naval hospitals. It consisted of a large home where the mothers of these boys may stay while visiting their wounded sons.

The gift, a former sorority house purchased by the union group for the use of the Navy Mothers Club at the nominal fee of \$1 a year, will sleep thirty people and has spacious downstairs quarters where the mothers can entertain their boys.

It has kitchen and dining room where those mothers may fix their boys a home cooked meal, where coffee and a snack will always be available.

It isn't fancy or ornate but it is homey and when the Seattle Navy Mothers' Club gets through with it it will be even more so.

Cliff Harrison, editor of the Seattle Star, suggested the idea to Mr. Beck and in a page-one editorial acclaimed the teamsters' gift "Seattle's biggest and best Christmas present."

### DONNELLEY'S BLACKLIST A PRECISION INSTRUMENT

OF THOUSANDS HIRED IN PAST 6 YEARS, NOT ONE BELONGS TO A PRINTING UNION

"How to make enemies and influence organized labor against you" seems to be a favorite subject of R. R. Donnelley & Sons Company, the Chicago printing concern which produces Reader's Digest, Time, Life, and catalogues for Sears-Roebuck, Montgomery Ward and other mail-order houses.

Under questioning by attorneys for the National Labor Relations Board and Chicago Printing Trades Unions in a recent hearing, Donnelley's witnesses admitted that, though the company masqueraded as an "open shop" between 1907 and 1933, it absolutely refused to hire any member of a printing-trades union. They claimed, however, that in 1933 the firm turned over a new leaf and ended its discrimination. Soon they were compelled to admit that as late as 1937 the company was openly checking on possible union affiliations of applicants for work.

It was shown that the only "new deal" Donnelley established in 1933 was in the form of a willingness to hire renegade unionists who resigned or had been suspended or expelled from their unions. When in 1937 the company at last discontinued its open investigation of the union background of applicants, said discontinuance was not for the purpose of belatedly opening its doors to union printing workers. For the company's own evidence shows that since 1937 it has not even

### LATE NEWS OF INTEREST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The House military committee yesterday approved legislation providing for mustering-out pay of \$300 for men and women who serve more than 60 days in the armed forces in this war.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The Senate yesterday voted to freeze 1944's social security taxes, spurning a protest from Majority Leader Barkley, Democrat of Kentucky, that the action was building up a tax burden for the future.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Republicans will choose their 1944 presidential candidate in Chicago the week beginning June 26 in the same stadium where President Roosevelt was nominated for his first and third terms.

MONTREAL, Jan. 12.—Striking Montreal municipal white collar workers voted overwhelmingly at a mass meeting Tuesday to continue their 22-day strike for higher wages. About 2,300 city workers are seeking wage increases up to \$500 a year.

### MORE TEA FOR CIVILIANS

About 76 million pounds of tea will be available to civilian consumers in 1944—wartime limitations on shipping space permitting. This is about 16 million pounds more than civilians got in 1943.

### WPB Salute To Labor Hails Production

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A new year's salute to American labor was issued by the War Production Board, hailing labor's history-making accomplishment in achieving "an outstanding record of war material production in 1943."

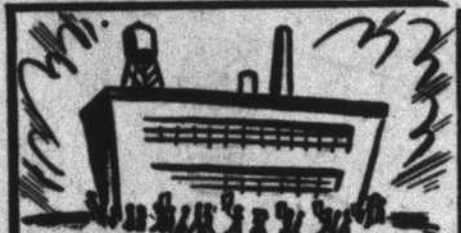
"The flood of planes, ships, guns, tanks and ammunition, which came from our factories last year could not have been produced without the devoted and increasing application of the skills and know-how of our workers," the statement continued. "Day in and day out, with but few exceptions, they have stayed on the job, working long hours, learning new skills, meeting production schedules—and in many instances exceeding them," the statement said.

### "M" PENNANT IS GIVEN TO J. A. JONES CO.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The Maritime commission yesterday announced that the "M" pennant for outstanding production of merchant ships had been awarded to the J. A. Jones Construction company, Brunswick, Ga. Rear Admiral Howard L. Vickery, deputy chairman of the Maritime commission, will present the award at ceremonies Saturday.

**KNOWLEDGE OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN**  
"God grant that not only the love of liberty, but a thorough knowledge of the rights of man may pervade all the nations of the earth so that a philosopher may set his foot anywhere and say, 'This is my country.'"  
—Benjamin Franklin.

### THE MARCH OF LABOR



THE ENDLESS CHAIN PICKET LINE WAS FIRST USED BY THE LAWRENCE TEXTILE STRIKERS IN 1912.

NEARLY HALF THE POPULATION OF THE U.S. WILL BE DIRECTLY ENGAGED IN THE WAR EFFORT BY THE TIME NEXT YEAR, ACCORDING TO WAR MANPOWER COMMISSIONER HENRTT.



THE NATIONAL WAR LABOR BOARD OF WORLD WAR I LAID DOWN AS ONE OF ITS PRINCIPLES: "THE RIGHT OF LABOR TO ORGANIZE"



SPEND WISELY BY BUYING UNION LABEL GOODS. LOOK FOR THIS UNION LABEL IN THE NEXT HAT YOU BUY.

JOIN THE MARCH OF DIMES FIGHT INFANTILE PARALYSIS JANUARY 14-31

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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### PRICE PANEL MEETING - JAN. 6, 1944

All members present. Walgreen's Drug Store, represented by Mr. R. E. Fine, in accordance with directions from the Panel given at the last meeting, reported overcharges amounting to \$103.00. This amount will be paid into the United States Treasury.

Mr. George W. Dowdy representing Belk's Dept. Store reported progress on a check of sales of durable goods. The work should be completed in two weeks and a final report will be made at the January 27th meeting.

Mr. J. B. McLaughlin, representing H & M Grocery, was found to have violated price ceilings, and the Regulations were found to have been disregarded almost entirely in the posting of prices and displaying on meats of the grades. He was ordered to put his store in order, and to report to the Panel at the next meeting the total amount of overcharges.

Mr. R. C. Idol of the Mayfair Coffee Shop was found to have raised prices of several items offered. It was found in some instances there were errors in printing, but in other cases there were violations and a report will be made to the Panel at the next meeting, of the total amount of the overcharges.

J. A. SCOGGINS, Chairman, War Price and Rationing Board.

### THE SOLDIER'S PSALM

The Sarge is my shepherd: I shall not want. He maketh me to pick up burnt matches: he leadeth me through mud puddles. He guideth me on the course of obstacles for my health's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valleys, I must climb up the hills. He anointeth my head with abuses: my cup runneth over.— Surely cadence and K. P. will follow me all the days of my life. And I will dwell in the hair of my sergeant forever.

### PATRONIZE ADVERTISERS' JOURNAL

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

### AMERICAN HEROES

BY LEFF



Private Raymond B. Judd, of Navarre, Ohio, volunteered to swim the swollen and rapid Konombi River, New Guinea, in broad daylight, under heavy enemy fire. Armed only with a pistol and hand grenades, he assisted in towing a rope to the opposite bank to aid the crossing of the river by a platoon of infantry who secured a bridgehead on the opposite shore. He has been awarded the D. S. C. It's up to us to buy the War Bonds! Give them for Christmas.

U. S. Treasury