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To influence Public Opinion in favor of the Organized Labor Movement.

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BIBLE THOUGHT

"Thus said the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord that exercise loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord." —Prophet Jeremiah.

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THE AFL'S SERGEANT YORK

The Sergeant York of the Italian campaign, it seems, is a member of Local 145 of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers' Union, AFL—a young buck private from Peoria, Illinois, named Billy Miller. On his first combat mission in Italy some two weeks ago, Private Miller cleverly hoodwinked the German patrol which had captured him into believing that they were surrounded by American forces, and thereupon proceeded to return to the American lines with his retinue of prisoners, one lieutenant and eighteen men. Nice work—if you can do it.

Private Miller is not the first union member to break into the headlines for conspicuous bravery in the face of the enemy. The famous Rickenbacker raft last year carried more than one hero to final safety. On it were two union members—Captain William Cherry of the Airline Pilots' Association, AFL, and John Bartek of the Textile Workers, who shared equally with the others in the hardships of that remarkable voyage. But in spite of these proofs that the army is a typical cross-section of American life, drawn from all elements of our citizenry, some sections of the press continue to speak of the armed forces as a group completely alien to and divorced from labor. They conclude, consequently, that the men in the services are unable to appreciate labor's problems, to sympathize with them or to understand them.

This is not borne out by the new and growing attitude that has manifested itself in many communities since bond drives and drives for blood donors began to bring people of differing social strata into closer contact with each other, and before organized labor, under the leadership of the Labor League for Human Rights of the AFL, began playing its present important role in community war chest campaigns for local welfare and war relief causes.

The attitude so unfortunately prevalent in the press reflects the unrealistic approach that can frequently be traced to ignorance, or to isolation from the realities of life. We can only hope that it is not the attitude of those American who are fighting side by side with nearly three million members of organized labor in our armed forces.

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WILL 1944 BE OUR LAST WAR YEAR?

United Nations leaders tell us that 1944 may be the last year of the war in Europe. The victories of 1943 have turned the tide against the Axis. The westward drive of the Russian armies has ended Hitler's vain dream of oiling his creaking war machine from the wells of the Caucasus. The futility of Goering's boast that German cities could never be bombed is expressed in the urid glare of fires lighted by British and American bombers in Hamburg, Emden, Frankfurt, Leipzig, Berlin; fires which have brought home at last to the German people the full and terrible meaning of war. The U-boat menace has been beaten. North Africa has been liberated, the fall of Sicily has sent Mussolini into well-merited oblivion, and Allied armies for the first time since 1940 are fighting on the European continent. In the Far East the Japanese, their navy and air force reeling under American blows, have stopped "annihilating" our navy in their propaganda, and are frankly admitting that they are on the defensive. This is a tremendous change. And back of it is one fact—the fact of America, getting into its giant stride. The fact of American soldiers and sailors outfighting the enemy on land and sea; of free American workers outproducing the slave labor of the enemy. The skill and ingenuity and steadily increasing productivity of American labor have turned the tide of war in 1943 and brought final victory into view.

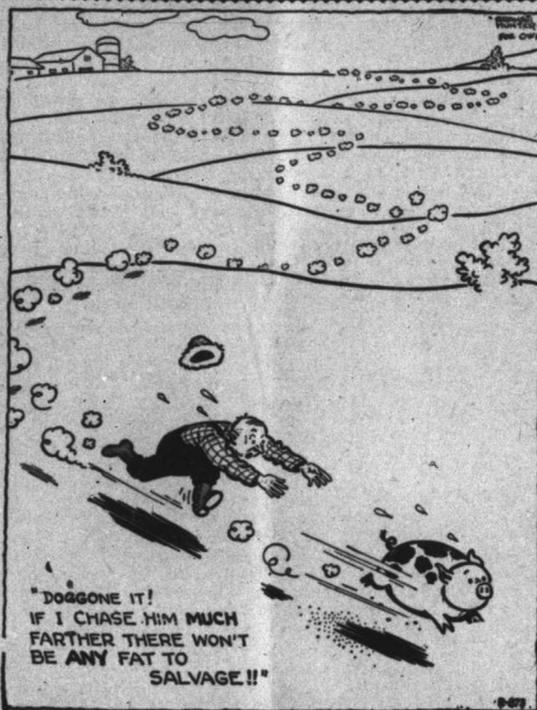
That "High Official Source"

The New Year brought condemnation of labor from what unfriendly daily newspapers called a "high official source." Putting their own interpretation on official remarks they succeeded in placing organized labor in an unenviable position.

Up to now no publication has quoted the exact words used by this "high official source," so that the reader could judge the real meaning of them. The daily papers and most radio commentators chose to rely solely on their judgment that the action of railroad and steel unions had given aid and comfort to the enemy. As a matter of fact, most of them stated positively that Hitler was aided by the threat of strikes, the war was prolonged, and thousands of American soldiers thus condemned to death.

Just how these newspapers and radio commentators can be in such close touch with Hitler and Goering to us is a mystery. American bombs are still raining on Germany, and even Stalin was astonished by arms production of American workers.

It is just possible, you know that these editors understand the German people better than they understand their American readers, who do not believe everything they read in the daily papers and hear on the air.



1944 TAX LISTING

Law requires that all property not exempted by law be listed as of January 1st, 1944, during January only, by the title holder; new buildings and additions costing more than \$100, personal property and polls for all male persons 21 to 50 years. Real estate is already listed. Penalty of ten per cent each (\$1.00 minimum) for City and County for late listing. List early and avoid penalties for late listing.

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Notes Of Interest From Highland Park Mill No. 3

[O. K.! Here comes the news from Highland Park Cloth Room, Mill No. 3, as seen and heard by this "Old" Reporter—Mrs. Bertha Helms.]
The mother of our second hand, T. A. Plyler, or "Bud," is a patient at Presbyterian hospital, having undergone an operation for goiter. Here's hoping she will soon be entirely recovered.

Mrs. Tom Brown, the mother of Dollie Starnes, is on the sick list. Dollie's husband, Thomas Starnes, is by now somewhere "Over There," having left a few weeks ago for an "undesignated" point. Dollie is having a tough time, caring for her mother, holding down her job, and thinking of Thomas. Just hold on Dollie, every cloud has a silver lining, and when this war is over Thomas will come back and all will be well.

Mrs. Virginia Mahaffy and Mrs. Annie Pittman have gone to Camp White to spend some time with their husbands. We miss them, but hope they have a nice time.

Mrs. Edna Mills has returned from a visit to her husband in the armed forces, who is stationed at New Orleans. While there she stayed at the U.S.O., and is loud in her praise of this branch of war service and what it does for the boys and their wives. Glad to report that the mother of Mrs. Bertha Starnes is better at this writing. Bertha's sister, Mrs. Hazle Ramsey, who has been sick, has returned from the hospital.

Mr. George Wallace, father of Mrs. Katherine Bell, has been on the sick list the past week, but is reported to be on the road to recovery.
Mrs. Charlie Lee, of 424 Mallory street, was teaching her little four-year-old daughter, Sue, to say her prayers, telling her to say, "God bless mother — God bless daddy." Sue thought a little, then said, "By God mother, by God daddy."

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