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### PRESIDENT WM. GREEN CALLS ON A. F. OF L. MEMBERS FOR SUPPORT RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

In response to President William Green's call for support of the 1944 Red Cross campaign, the Labor League for Human Rights, official relief arm of the Federation, has mobilized the 850 central labor bodies and more than 35,000 local unions of the AFL for an all-out appeal to trade unionists during the Red Cross drive next month, according to Matthew Woll, president of the League.

Under the direction to the twenty-five regional officers of the League, the actual mechanics for this gigantic drive are now being set in motion. Literature—a leaflet and poster—is being prepared for distribution. Educational campaigns to acquaint union members with the varied services of the Red Cross and the scope of its activities have been planned, and are already under way in some communities.

Enlistment of A. F. of L. members in the civilian activities of the Red Cross, such as the donation of blood for plasma, is another part of the League program in support of the Red Cross. In many communities, arrangements are now being made to have mobile Red Cross blood donor units stationed at factory gates for the convenience of war workers who would otherwise be unable to make their donations.

Throughout this campaign, the League will be in full and exclusive charge of conducting the appeal to members of the American Federation of Labor. By the terms of the national agreement concluded with the American Red Cross, labor will be given full credit for the sums raised during the drive. As a result of this agreement, and largely because of the outstanding results obtained in 1943, when labor for the first time conducted the appeal to its own members, labor representatives are being named with increasing frequency to local chapter boards and committees of the Red Cross.

### OFFICE WORKERS UNION TO GET A. F. L. CHARTER

MIAMI, Fla.—A new international union may soon be added to the growing list affiliated with the American Federation of Labor—a union composed of office workers which potentially could be the largest in the Federation.

The AFL Executive Council instructed President Green and Secretary-Treasurer George Meany to confer with the officials of the office workers' organization, now made up of Federal labor unions associated together in an international council, and to issue an international charter to them as soon as technical questions of jurisdiction are straightened out.

### FREE LABOR WILL WIN

### CHARLOTTE TYPO UNION NO. 338 FOR RANDOLPH

Woodruff Randolph, of Chicago, present secretary-treasurer of the International Typographical Union, led the incumbent President Claude M. Baker, of San Francisco, Cal., by a majority of 22 votes in the nationwide preferential primary participated in by Charlotte Typographical Union at the regular February meeting held Sunday afternoon. This primary is held by the various locals throughout the United States and Canada for the purpose of endorsing candidates for international officers to be voted for in the regular election to be held in May, the term of office being for two years. Mr. Randolph has been secretary-treasurer of the International Union since 1928 and Mr. Baker has been president since the death of Charles P. Howard in 1938.

Larry Taylor of Dallas, Texas, was endorsed as candidate for first vice-president; Elmer Brown of New York City received a big majority for second vice-president and Jack Gill of Cleveland, Ohio, was endorsed for international secretary-treasurer to succeed Woodruff Randolph, who will be on the ticket for president in the forthcoming election. The term of office is for two years.

The Charlotte local also instructed its treasurer yesterday to buy, in the name of the local union, two additional war bonds of \$100 each in the fourth war loan drive now on.

### MEMBERSHIP OF A. F. L. HITS ALL TIME HIGH

MIAMI, Fla.—Secretary-Treasurer George Meany reported to the AFL Executive Council that the average dues-paid membership in the American Federation of Labor during the last four months of 1943 had reached the new high total of 6,586,470.

This figure, Mr. Meany explained, represented a gain of 758,970 members over the same period in 1942.

The membership figures were included in a detailed financial report which showed that the American Federation of Labor is now in the strongest position in its history.

### NEW PROGRAM IS CHARTERED ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

MIAMI, Fla.—The AFL Executive Council directed the officers of the Federation to embark upon a broad and comprehensive public relations program during the coming year.

The Council adopted a report calling for an increase in the AFL's public relations staff and a more extensive use of radio to acquaint the American people with the news and views of organized labor. This action was taken on recommendation of the 1943 AFL convention in Boston.

The annual election of local officers will take place in the regular election in May.

### NOTICE TO WORKERS

The War Manpower Commission's Stabilization Program restricts changing jobs locally and traveling to other areas for new jobs. Workers in essential activities should not apply for jobs advertised here. Check with the U. S. Employment Service office in your area before changing jobs.

### SOLDIERS WILL FIGHT, WORKERS MUST WORK, GREEN DECLARES IN RINGING STATEMENT AT THE CLOSE OF COUNCIL SESSION

MIAMI, Fla.—The American Federation of Labor served notice on all of its affiliated unions that there must be no strikes or stoppages of work for any reason in the critical months ahead when the United Nations will make their supreme drive for victory in the war. President William Green, announcing the action of the AFL Executive Council, declared in unequivocal terms that "the need for sustained and uninterrupted production of vital war materials has now reached the highest point."

"No matter what the character of the grievance may be, no matter how serious or aggravating the circumstances of the dispute, there can be no justification whatsoever for local strikes," he emphasized.

"We are on the eve of tremendous developments in this world war," he said. "Military movements impend that may involve millions of American soldiers and sailors — our own boys. They will meet the test in a courageous way. The soldiers of production must meet their responsibilities in the same courageous way."

"Our soldiers, facing the enemy, will fight. Our workers must work. Local strikes or interruptions of production may imperil the lives of thousands of our boys. They cannot be excused or justified or condoned."

The emphatic declaration of the Executive Council, voiced by Mr. Green, followed the appearance before the Council of Joseph D. Keenan, Vice Chairman of the War Production Board and former Secretary of the Chicago Federation of Labor. Mr. Keenan said there is urgent need for increased production of heavy bombers and light medium bombers; landing craft; and radio and radar.

Mr. Green pointed out at a press conference that many thousands of skilled workers who are members of AFL unions are engaged in the production of these essential items. The Council, he said, called on these workers to maintain their no-strike pledge and to give the nation the increased production which hastens victory.

After taking this action, the Council adjourned its mid-winter session, deciding to hold its next meeting beginning on May 1 in Philadelphia. The choice of this site was occasioned by the fact that the International Labor Organization will hold its annual meeting in Philadelphia during the last two weeks in April. This will be a highly important ILO meeting because many post-war issues in which the international policies of labor are at stake will be considered there.

### PRODUCE



FOR VICTORY

Labor "Lays Down On The Job" Again! NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Note for Hitler and Tojo: The Savage Arms corporation announced today it had passed the 2,000,000 mark in output of military small arms at the Utica and Chicopee Falls, Mass., plants. The equipment included 50 caliber Browning machine guns, Enfield rifles, and Thompson sub-machine guns. NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Steel operations this week will be at the highest rate since last October, the American Iron & Steel Institute announced today. The mills will operate at 100.2 per cent of capacity, compared with 99.8 in the preceding week and 99.6 a month ago.

SRU DAN . . . Shipfixin' Man! WHAT ARE SOME OF THE THINGS SRU'S DO? WELL, SHIP REPAIR UNITS KEEP 'EM FIGHTING! THIS WAR IS A LONG WAY FROM HOME. A BADLY DAMAGED SHIP CAN'T ALWAYS BE TOWED TO THE U.S.A. AND EVEN MINOR DAMAGE CAN PUT A SHIP OUT OF ACTION. THAT'S WHERE THE SRU'S COME IN! THEY'RE ON REPAIR OR COMBATANT SHIPS, READY TO MAKE EMERGENCY REPAIRS DUE TO BATTLE DAMAGE OR ACCIDENT. MOST OF THEM, HOWEVER, ARE AT ADVANCE NAVAL BASES—BUILT BY THE FAMOUS SEABEES. THEY ARE EQUIPPED TO FIX ALL EXCEPT MAJOR DAMAGE. AS A RESULT OF SKILLED EMERGENCY REPAIRS BY SRU'S, SOME OF OUR SHIPS, WHICH OTHERWISE MIGHT HAVE BEEN LOST, HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TRAVEL THOUSANDS OF MILES BACK TO THE U.S. THE NAVY HAS WON MANY VICTORIES BECAUSE OUR SRU'S HAVE BEEN ON HAND WITH THE WILL & SKILL TO "KEEP 'EM FIGHTING," AND NOBODY REALIZES THIS MORE THAN THE NAVY MEN WHO MAN OUR FIGHTING SHIPS. SAYS DAN: THAT LOOKS LIKE THE SPOT FOR ME! WAIT'LL I HAVE ANOTHER TALK WITH MY WIFE... AND THEN THE SRU'S BETTER MAKE WAY FOR ANOTHER CARPENTER'S MATE!

U. S. Subs Depend on Mother Ship and SRU's Like a mother hen takes care of her brood, this submarine tender looks after the welfare of the submarines she services. Daring Navy subs carry the attack into Jap home waters, but they must have repair facilities close at hand. On the tenders are skilled SRU's—the Navy's Ship Repair Units—ready and able to fix all except major damage. Part of the success of our submarine campaign is attributable to the speed and efficiency with which SRU's keep the under-seas craft in fighting trim. For continued success, the Navy needs more men for this service—machinists, metalsmiths, carpenters, molders, riggers, sailmakers and men talented in many other trades. It's an exciting job, with good pay, dependency allowances, \$133 worth of uniforms free, low-cost government insurance and other worthwhile extras. The Navy Recruiting Station has full information.

TO WIN THE WAR SOONER LET US ALL WORK HARDER THERE ARE NO UNIONS OR ANY OTHER FREE INSTITUTIONS UNDER NAZI OR JAP RULE. THE JOURNAL has by far the largest city circulation of any weekly published in Charlotte. Your ad in The Journal will bring results from the workers. Fill the oil drums of democracy by buying War Bonds. The earth is covered with water, but the old world seems hardly able to get her head above water. Roses are set in the midst of sharp thorns, making them harder to get. Some folks are really glad for life because it gives them a chance to work and play. Banana oil is made from petroleum—not from bananas.

THE MARCH OF LABOR AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS INCLUDING OVERTIME FOR ALL MANUFACTURING PLANTS ARE \$43.43 ACCORDING TO THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS. FOREIGN LABOR USED IN GERMANY NOW CONSTITUTES MORE THAN 1/3 OF NAZI HOME-FRONT MANPOWER. THE A. F. OF L. COMMITTEE ON POST-WAR PLANNING WARNS THAT TWENTY MILLION UNEMPLOYED MAY RESULT FROM OUR PRESENT FAILURE TO MAKE POST-WAR ECONOMIC POLICIES. BE SURE! BUY ONLY UNION LABEL HATS!