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-A. F. OF L. SLOGAN FOR 1944-

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"WHITE COLLAR" WORKERS SHOULD ORGANIZE SAY OUR LABOR LEADERS

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 25.—On the eve of the opening of an inquiry by the Senate Committee on Education and Labor into the wartime problems of white collar workers, the American Federation of Labor presented four labor authorities on the subject on its "Labor for Victory" broadcast January 23. The speakers were Boris Shishkin, AFL economist; James B. Burns, president of the American Federation of Government Employees; Leo E. George, president of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks, and William F. McHale, vice-president of the National Association of Letter Carriers. Mr. Burns and the other speakers on the broadcast emphasized that white collar workers are today faced with a crisis resulting from the fact that their purchasing power, relative to that of other groups in the population, is declining. They cited the unfairness of making any one group bear a disproportionate burden in fighting the war. Mr. George said that rising prices have spelled wage cuts for postal workers as well as other wage-earners in the fixed income group. The cost-of-living bonus authorized by Congress last year represented a partial adjustment, he said, but further adjustments are necessary now in or-

AMERICAN WORKERS PRAISED ABROAD, BUT ARE CONDEMNED ON THEIR OWN HOME FRONT

DETROIT.—The men and women who make the tools of war were the silent and invisible partners in the discussions at Tcheran, Field Marshal Sir John Dill, senior British representative on the Combined Chiefs of Staff, said in an address here before the Economic club. "Without the knowledge that, to back the military decisions, was the whole colossal war production of the United Nations, and in particular the absolutely unprecedented output made possible by American manufacturing genius, we could not have made any plans at all," he said. As proof that this is "no flight of imagination," the field marshal read the words—used by Sir Alan Brooke, chief of staff. "The British chiefs of staff would like to express their appreciation of the unstinting help given to the British and other Allies from American production. This aspect of United States assistance was not mentioned in the consideration of strategy, but nevertheless had the widest repercussions on all our plans and was playing a great part in the successful development of the war. The British chiefs of staff would like to express their admiration of the stupendous efforts which the United States has made in the field of production." Sir John also read extracts from a letter which was written by General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery to a member of the British army staff in Washington: "I WOULD LIKE THROUGH YOU

LOCAL LABOR LEADERS ENDORSE ONE DAY'S PAY IN RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

A suggested one-day's pay was endorsed last week by leaders in A. F. of L. and C. I. O. unions of Charlotte as a goal for contributions by members of the unions to the coming Red Cross campaign for \$212,000.



Your RED CROSS is at his side

Carrying the theme of the 1944 American Red Cross War Fund Appeal, and symbolic of the true service of Red Cross men and women on the far-flung fronts of the world, this reproduction of the 1944 Red Cross poster depicts the Yank soldier, in full equipment, and at his side the representatives of your Red Cross.

Leaders of the unions met with Carl G. McCraw, general campaign chairman, and others to discuss ways in which organized labor in this city and county can best co-operate in the campaign. Both Mr. McCraw and Mr. Everett said the proposed contribution of one-day's pay represents a most generous goal and that participation by the men and women of the unions to this extent would set a fine record and would play a great part in making the county reach its goal. Both the A. F. of L. and C. I. O. unions will have special committees to work in the campaign. J. A. Moore and T. L. Conder, who served as A. F. of L. chairmen for the recent War and Community Chest campaign, have been appointed to these same duties in the Red Cross campaign. The C. I. O. unions will announce their leaders in the next few days. Two chairmen have already been appointed for the U. S. Rubber company plant, Mrs. Ruth Robinson and Mrs. Katherine Helms. The committees named by the various A. F. of L. unions so far are as follows: carpenters, John Lovette, L. N. Broome, T. L. Conder, W. J. Merrill, R. S. Twitty; post office clerks, S. F. Blackwelder and J. B. Carpenter; railway express clerks, R. E. Harris and Miss Chloe Conder; electricians, 372 W. H. Yandle and O. L. Teague; electrical workers, B-962, P. P. Scoggins, J. A. Scoggins; electrical workers, 1129 Sterling Hicks; fire fighters, J. J. Thomas, L. L. Thomas, G. H. Beckham, and G. O. Todd; machinists, 263, R. E. Deese, T. C. Calhoun, D. S. Floyd, G. J. Kendall, and R. P. McRorie; meat cutters, T. D. Sutton, O. E. Snipes, and J. E. Hunter.

LABOR IS NOT "SLACKING" ON HOME FRONT

Recent Government statistics revealed that since December, 1941, 37,900 war workers lost their lives and over 210,000 were totally disabled, while 4,500,000 were temporarily disabled while on the job producing implements of war. This is more killed and permanently injured than casualties suffered by our Armed Forces since Pearl Harbor. The temporary injured is 60 times the total injured in military service.

PRES. LANDIS LAUDS A. F. L. CONVENTION

President Joseph Landis speaking at a luncheon meeting of officers and committee members of the Ohio Federation of Teachers on January 15, 1944, paid an outstanding tribute to the organized labor movement when he stated, "In two weeks at the A. F. of L. convention, I learned more real philosophy than during my entire lifetime previous to the convention. I heard speeches and statements at the convention which will affect the rest of my life."

Fill the oil drums of democracy by buying War Bonds.

EXECUTIVE BOARD CARPENTERS INTERNATIONAL UNION SAYS NEW DEAL THREAT TO LABOR

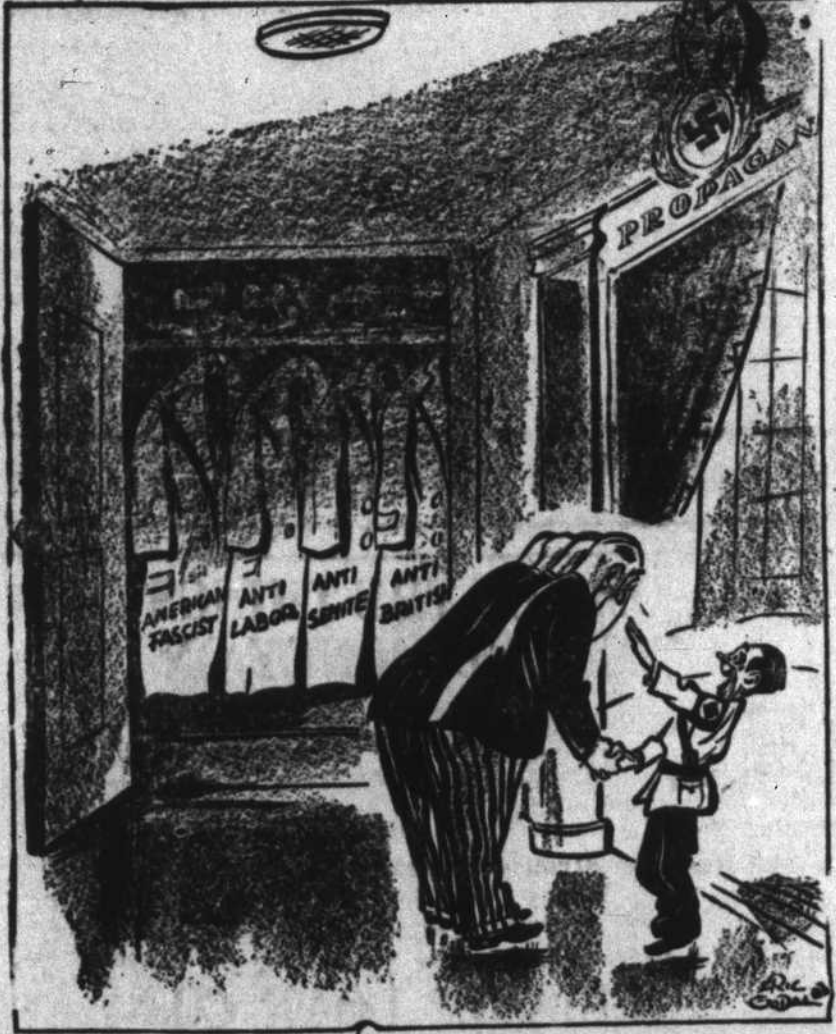
LAKELAND, Fla., Feb. 13.—The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners (A. F. of L.), representing 600,000 workers, Saturday unanimously adopted a statement of labor's position in the coming presidential election which contains a stinging indictment of the New Deal as "incapable" and led by "visionaries." Offered as an "integrating point" for labor in the 1944 campaign, the statement was adopted by the general executive board of the union and a first vice president of the American Federation of Labor, said that labor demanded a six-point program of both National political parties, listing them as: 1. The preservation of free enterprise. 2. The abatement of bureaucracy. 3. The halt of paternalism. 4. The creation of postwar jobs through private industry. 5. The maintenance of labor's social gains. 6. The protection of our national interests. Flatly asserting that "labor wants a change" in the next election, the Hutcheson statement flays the "overall paternalism" of the New Deal as a "stealthy threat to the continued freedom of organized labor." The statement also accuses the administration of playing a "mischievous game of politics" in the internal affairs of the unions by pursuing policies which promoted division in labor ranks, maintaining "palace favorites" among labor leaders to whom it gives "breaks," while visiting reprisals upon union executives "who have refused to toe the administration line."



THE PLEDGE OF EVERY LOYAL A. F. OF L. UNIONIST

"I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands—One Nation Indivisible, With Liberty and Justice for All!"

N. C. Labor Is 100% Loyal WORK — FIGHT — SAVE



Goebbel: "The American delegation! Heil, heil, the gang's all here!"

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