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### A. F. L. PLEDGES \$15,000,000 TO RED CROSS DRIVE; REPORTS \$25,000,000 GIVEN WAR FUND

NEW YORK.—The American Federation of Labor has pledged to raise \$15,000,000 for the forthcoming Red Cross campaign. Federation officials have recommended a minimum of four hours' pay as the individual A. F. of L. Red Cross contribution. At the same time, it was revealed that A. F. of L. members had contributed more than \$25,000,000 to the recent National War Fund Drive.

These figures and the Red Cross pledge were made public by Matthew Woll, president of the Labor League for Human Rights, official relief arm of the American Federation of Labor.

The record-breaking total raised by A. F. of L. unions in 850 cities for the National War Fund, Mr. Woll further revealed, was in part accounted for by an honor roll of 25 cities in which union members contributed ten million dollars. Heading this list of cities were New York, Chicago and Los Angeles, each with more than one million dollars to their credit. Hovering about the half-million mark were Philadelphia, Boston, Seattle, St. Louis, Milwaukee and Washington, D. C. Sixteen additional cities, including Providence, Cleveland, Memphis, Houston; Pittsburgh and others, averaged contributions of \$250,000 each.

The general trend in the National War Fund campaign, according to Mr. Woll, has not only been towards a rise in the A. F. of L.'s standard of giving, but towards a spread in the number of labor contributors to local community chests. This is shown by comparisons of total results and of average per capita contributions during the 1942 and 1943 campaigns.

A contribution of one million dollars from labor in a single city had never before been recorded in any relief drive, Mr. Woll pointed out, and very few cities, in 1942, had reached the half-million mark. In 1943, however,

New York City doubled, and Chicago quadrupled, their 1942 results. In the case of others of the twenty-five cities cited for outstanding achievement, the increase in several instances reached the spectacular rate of 150 per cent.

The National War Fund's drive to raise funds from AFL members was supervised by the Labor League for Human Rights, which will perform the same function for the Red Cross during next month's campaign. In urging that AFL central labor bodies in 850 cities extend full support to the Red Cross drive, Mr. Woll declared:

"There may be some among us who grow weary of appeals and extra services to the war effort. But, compared with the sacrifices borne by our sons, brothers and kinfolk who serve in the armed forces and those of our Allies, we have been called upon to do little in the worldwide struggle against totalitarian aggression.

"Our fair share for the Red Cross this spring should be at least four hours' pay. If we all do our part, the contribution of the members of the American Federation of Labor to the Red Cross will reach the impressive total of some fifteen million dollars."

### Women "Really Marching To War" In North Carolina

RALEIGH, March 1.—Women are really "marching as to war" in North Carolina.

In one year the number of women workers increased 25 per cent, in contrast to an increase of 4 per cent in men workers, in 497 of the larger and more important war and essential civilian production establishments in North Carolina. The report of trends in these firms, made by Miss Gladys Fielding, chief of Reports and Analysis, to Dr. J. S. Dorton, State

director of the War Manpower Commission, was for the year ended last November.

In explanation of the small increase in men workers, as compared to the increase in the number of women, Dr. Dorton pointed out that a larger percentage of the men were already in industrial jobs, and that Selective Service had continued to take large numbers into the armed forces.

The result is that 43 per cent of the entire working force in these 497 establishments were women, as compared with 37 per cent a year before, a splendid increase.

Fill the oil drums of democracy by buying War Bonds.

### ON STRIKES

By RUTH TAYLOR

EVERYONE OUTSIDE OF LABOR IS TALKING ABOUT STRIKES. IT'S TIME WE DID A LITTLE TALKING AMONG OURSELVES ON THIS SUBJECT!

What do our own people say? William Green has just expressed the official viewpoint when he said, "Our soldiers, facing the enemy, will fight. Our workers must work. Local strikes or interruption of production may imperil the lives of thousands of our boys. They cannot be excused or justified or condoned."

Dan Tobin summed it up in characteristic fashion in the December issue of the International Teamster when he said, "Tell the rat who advocates strikes that the blood of young men across the seas fighting a fight for our freedom 'will be on your hands' or on your conscience. And when this conflict is ended, you can look into the eyes of your children and into the faces of the mothers whose sons do not return and say you did not help kill their boys by stopping work."

These leaders realize full well that though we are on the high-road to Victory, we are not there yet. We cannot afford to let up for an instant, or be stopped by personal considerations. If we let our wants control our plans, then our possessions are liabilities and not assets. If we let our prejudices interfere with our production, we hurt no one but ourselves.

Where we go from here will depend on how we keep on working to supply those who are fighting to win the war. If our boys had been sent out to the attack, half-equipped, without the proper backing of airplanes to protect them, ammunition, food, medical supplies, ships for convoy—the results would not have been victory but disaster, not merely to them but to us as a nation and to the cause of freedom throughout the world.

For mark it well, there is no temporary defeat in this war as in the past wars of history. I shudder to think what would happen to our labor unions if the Axis won the war, how quickly they would be changed into labor battalions and the men worn to the bone by a relentless speed-up. There will be no war to follow later if this war is lost. This is total war—and its harvest calls for the total mobilization of every last bit of manpower. There must be no idle machines, no idle men. An idle machine is a machine working for the enemy. An idle man is a soldier for the Axis.

Another great labor leader, Victor Olander, summed it up for all of us when he said, "We are a free people; the freest in all the world. The primary condition of freedom is the right to make a choice. We must now choose rightly and thus prove that as free men and women our people are not only the happiest in peace but also the most reliable and therefore the strongest in war."

That is the stand of labor on strikes—Now go out and show that to the people who hear only the other side!

### ROBT. BROWN AND ROBT. KINLEY, LABOR JOURNAL BOYS, IN BATTLE OF TARAWA AS U. S. MARINES

[Below The Journal reproduces, in part, a letter just received from Robert E. Brown, who was with the Labor Journal, along with Robert Kinley at the time of their enlistment, and "Uncle" Witter, as well as the Madam, appreciate hearing from "our boys." All of whom are now overseas on the battle fronts. Red Kinley is somewhere in England, and our son Edwin A. Witter, is with the Air Forces in New Guinea, seeing plenty of action. There there is Jesse and John Kinley also on the line.—Ed.]

February 17, 1944  
Wednesday night  
U. S. M. C.  
From your Marine Pal.

Dear "Uncle" Witter,

Just a few lines to let you hear from me. I am fine and hope all of you at The Journal are also making the grade. How do things look in good old Charlotte—just the same as when I left I guess. How is Mrs. Witter? Hope she is in good health. I sure would like to see her, and all of you. Well, Uncle Will I have been reading an old Charlotte News today, and enjoying it. Another one of The Journal boys, Robert Kinley, is with me, and he is fine. Says Hello to all of you, and hopes everything is O. K. with The Journal.

The reason I have not written you before is because I have been plenty busy, (if you know what I mean). We just got away from Tarawa. Guess you all heard about us Marines there. Well, Robert Kinley and I were there, and got a few Japs for the folks back home.

I am sending a Jap rifle to my father, and in a few days will send you all some souvenirs. We find it hard to send anything from here though. Well, old pal, we boys had some fight on Tarawa, and I lost some of my best Buddies, and they were fine lads, too, but we can't live forever—so that's the way life goes.

"Uncle" Will, tell me how is the paper going, would certainly like to see one. Well, Pal, it's "Tops." So write Kinley and me real soon. Yours till we meet again.

ROBERT E. BROWN,  
P. T. C., U. S. M. C.

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### A "NO-RAIDING" AGREEMENT BY MACHINISTS OF A.F.L. AND C.I.O.

The jurisdictional agreement signed by AFL Machinists and CIO Automobile Workers is one of the most significant developments in AFL-CIO relations. It sets a formula which can overcome some of the major obstacles to AFL-CIO peace or merger. It goes farther than the rider to the NLRB appropriation act which prevents NLRB from interfering with a contract which has been in force three months. In addition to respecting NLRB certifications of a bargaining agency, it bars raiding "where one of the named organizations has established a contractual relationship with an employer."

The Machinists and Auto Workers have been competing vigorously for members in the aircraft industry as well as in other war production plants. The Machinists have adapted themselves to CIO organizing campaigns along industrial union lines by agreeing to act as bargaining agents for any group of workers. For instance, they would accept the office workers in a plant as Class B members, thus

keeping intact the craft traditions and requirements of fully qualified mechanics. The agreement implies a large measure of respect for each other's fighting techniques, a division of territories, and a decision to expand future efforts upon organizing the unorganized instead of organizing each other.

### WLB Upholds Right Of Women To Be "Beautiful!"

The right of women to be beautiful has been upheld by a regional War Labor Board in Detroit, which declared 7,000 women workers in the Packard plant could take five minutes off without deduction in pay before the shift to "freshen up" their complexion. The company had objected to paying for fifty-five minutes of "make-up" time for each female employe every week. As for the male employes—well, they are not supposed to be beautiful, with or without make-up.

You cannot reach the setars, but get to your destination over the seas by following them.

### RED CROSS DRIVE FOR \$212,000 GETS OFF TO A GOOD START; 2,000 WORKERS IN THE FIELD

On Wednesday morning, after a grand rally at the Armory-Auditorium Tuesday night close to 2,000 workers started out to reach the Red Cross goal for \$212,000 that is now being urged locally. And from the way the workers are going at their task there is no doubt as to making the grade.

For weeks, leaders in the Mecklenburg county chapter of the American Red Cross have been busy making plans for the campaign organization. Division chairmen have been named and their teams have been organized. As a result of all of this preliminary work, Carl G. McCraw, general chairman, and H. H. Everett, co-chairman, of this year's drive, said that they are confident that the Red Cross has a campaign organization which will turn in contributions that will exceed the large goal that has been set.

Dr. Heaton, pastor of the Myers Park Baptist Church at the Tuesday night send-off for the workers described the Red Cross as the greatest single organization ever established for the satisfying of human needs. It has brought new chance of life to men of every color, it stoops to every fallen child, it goes out and ministers to every one in need in spite of his religious beliefs or social status, it is always doing good in the midst of evil, he said. He declared that the human body has never been so bludgeoned, the human spirit in so great anguish as today, and he told the men and women of his audience that they have never had so great an opportunity to serve as now when they can raise the money needed for this cause.

LABOR WILL DO ITS PART.

### GUARD YOUR SOC. SECURITY ACC'T CARD

Here is a message for men who expect to enter military service! Before you leave for the service, place your social security account card with your other valuables; and, above all, leave it in good hands. You will need it again when you return to civilian life. For information concerning account numbers or Old-Age and Survivors Insurance benefits, call or write the Charlotte office of the Social Security Board located at 122 E. 3rd Street.

Where is your social security account card? Is it being worn threadbare in your pocket? Is it lying loose under a pile of worthless papers? You may need that card when you least expect it. Why not put it away carefully with other important documents? The Federal Government asks

you to save paper, ink, printing time, and money by keeping your card in a safe place. For information concerning account numbers or Old-Age and Survivors Insurance benefits, call or write the Charlotte office of the Social Security Board located at 122 E. 3rd Street.

Your account card is the key to your entire social security wage record—and to benefit payments for you and your family. Take care of your card. If you must keep it with you, don't carry it loose in your pocket—keep it in a holder of some kind to protect it from wear, tear, and loss. For information concerning account numbers or Old-Age and Survivors Insurance payments, call or write Charlotte office of the Social Security Board located at 122 East 3rd Street.

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

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

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