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OUR AIM ---
Work - Fight - Save
To influence Public Opinion in favor of the Organized Labor Movement.

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WEEKLY BIBLE QUOTATION

"We spend our years as a tale that is told. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is there strength, labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off and we fly away."—Psalmist.

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LET THE FAINT-HEARTED IN DEMOCRACY'S CAUSE LOOK TO LABOR FOR INSPIRATION!

By JAMES F. BARRETT

Director Southeastern Publicity Bureau

Those who are faint-hearted in Democracy's cause, those who doubt the ability and stability of America in a crisis, would do well to look to the record made by Organized Labor, for it is encouraging and inspiring. Free labor in America, working in co-operation and under union agreements with management, has turned out an average of four ships a day every day since Pearl Harbor. Think of it! **FOUR SHIPS A DAY!**

The launching of a ship is an event, an inspiring event. Then think of four ships being launched every day—ships built by sweating, toiling American workmen, working for freedom and the cause of Democracy, and further inspired by the fact that their own sons were in the armed forces everywhere this global war is raging. No faint-hearted can be found among these men and women who send an average of four ships a day down the ways to join the caravan of freedom's fighters.

Equal records have been made in the production of planes of all description, and in munitions, and in transportation, and in every line of essential activity. Organized Labor has produced far more than it ever was thought possible.

In addition to this matchless record of production, Organized Labor has met the challenge in other lines—in the support of every activity on the home front. As of January 1, Organized Labor had invested nearly five billion dollars in War Bonds. Early in 1942 President Green pledged the membership of the AFL Unions to the purchase of one billion dollars in that year. This pledge was not only fulfilled, but far exceeded, and in 1943 these purchases climbed almost to the five billion dollar figure!

In support of the Community War Chest and Red Cross campaigns, in blood donations, and in serving freely and without cost on the several

government boards in each locality throughout the United States, members of Organized Labor have given their all-out support.

During 1943 the Labor League for Human Rights, AFL, serving as a direct contact between the Unions and other community agencies, brought a new recognition to the Labor Movement. Matthew Woll, president of the League, issued an appealing message to all Central Bodies on Feb. 8, copy of which is herewith attached for the benefit of Local Unions whose delegates may not have been present at the Central Body meeting when the message was read. This message tells of the great work already done by the Labor League for Human Rights, and points the way to greater future activities.

George L. Googe, Southern Representative of the American Federation of Labor, urges our Central Bodies to act upon the request made by Mr. Woll, in the firm belief he says, that the program outlined by President Woll will prove of great value both to our unions and to the country.

May I add my appeal to that of Mr. Woll and Mr. Googe, and urge each and every Central Body and Local Union to cooperate fully and wholeheartedly with the Labor League for Human Rights, and use its good offices in getting the message of Labor's achievements and patriotic services over to the public, thus encouraging the faint-hearted to greater battle in freedom's cause.

DO YOU KNOW

By JOHN T. BURKE
A. F. of L. Liaison Officer to OPA

That the cost of living can be held in check only if the OPA price, rent and rationing regulations are effectively enforced.

That the OPA is greatly handicapped by an inadequate enforcement staff—less than one enforcement investigator for each county in the United States.

That even where violations are spotted and prosecutions begun, it may be months before the case comes up for hearing and final action because most violations of OPA regulations must be tried before our already overburdened Federal Courts.

That many of OPA Labor Advisory Committees have helped to remedy this situation by going before City

Councils with the proposal that they pass a city ordinance which would help solve OPA's enforcement problems.

That such ordinances have been passed in many American cities—including Cleveland and Lakewood, Ohio; Detroit, Hamtramck and Royal Oak, Michigan; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Sioux City, Iowa; Asbury Park, New Brunswick and Trenton, New Jersey; Charleston and Columbia, South Carolina; Gadsden, Alabama; and Mt. Sterling, Illinois.

That although these city ordinances vary in scope from city to city, their aim is to impose local penalties for the violation of OPA price, rent and rationing regulations.

That the principle advantages of such ordinances are that (1) they furnish the additional enforcement manpower of local enforcement authorities to help uncover black market activities, and (2) they speed prosecution of violators by giving municipal courts jurisdiction over the cases.

That you can get a copy of a model city ordinance if you will write to me in care of the OPA in Washington.

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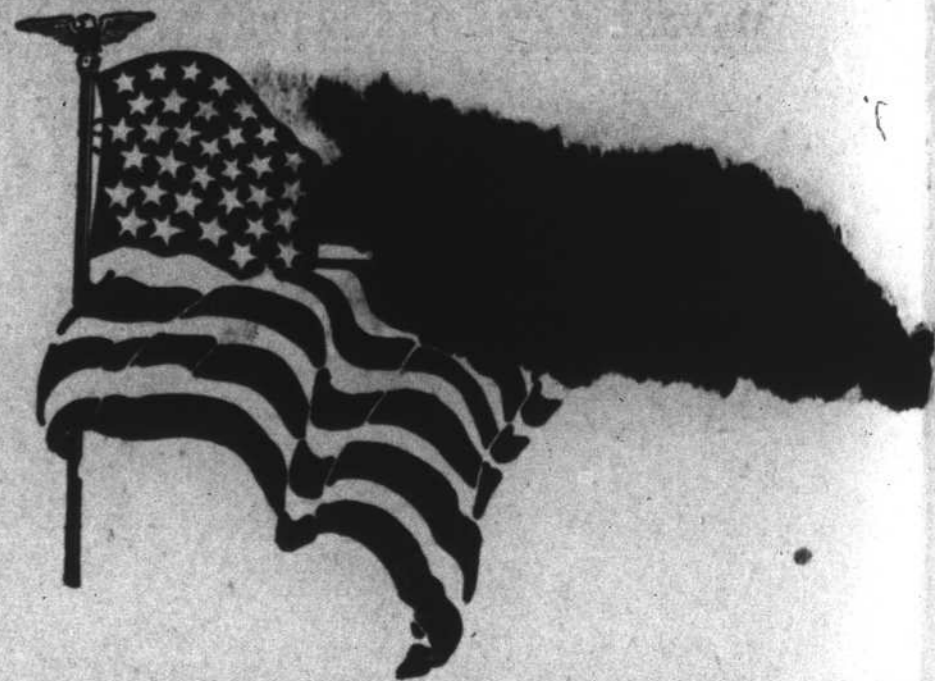
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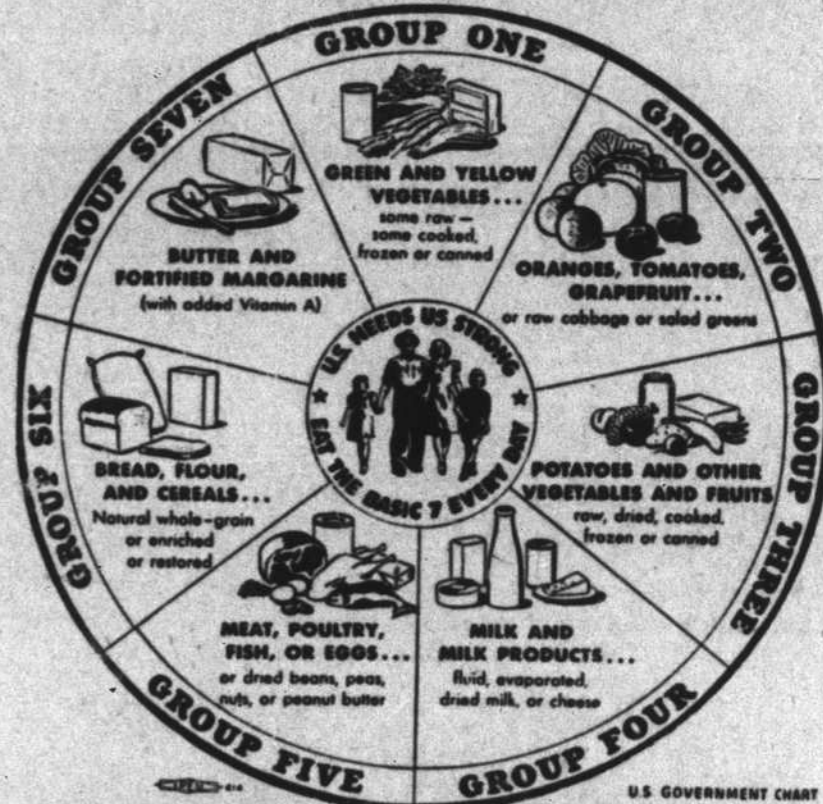
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