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## BARUCH REPORT DENIES LABOR A VOICE—GREEN CALLS FOR UNION, INDUSTRY AND FARMERS GROUP IN FORMULATING THE BASIC POLICIES

DETROIT.—A. F. L. president William Green assailed the Baruch postwar report in an address here because of its failure to provide for labor, industry and farmer representation in the formulation of basic policies. Speaking at a luncheon of the economic club of Detroit, Mr. Green called for the establishment by Congress of a reconstruction commission on which all elements of the population would be represented, to lay down the guiding rules for the nation's post-war program. He said:

"This Reconstruction Commission would not, of course, attempt to administer the post-war program. That task can well be entrusted to the hands of a single, competent Administrator, as the Baruch report suggests. But the Commission would be charged with the responsibility of formulating the general policies to be followed by the Administrator. In that way we could achieve advance agreement and secure prior commitment to fundamental policies."

"I have heard only two objections to this plan. The first is an evasion. It suggests that industry and labor can safeguard their interests through advisory committees already established under the War Production Board and which operate in a consultative capacity. My impression, however, is that industry and labor have had enough of such consultation which usually comes after the fact and which constitutes merely an empty gesture toward real and democratic representation."

"Secondly, some of our more subtle bureaucrats are heard to object to policy-making by 'pressure groups.' That phrase, 'pressure groups,' is part of the new terminology of some government officials whose ideas on America are bounded by the ten square miles of Washington. I resent the term. It is an insult to the workers, the businessmen and the farmers of America who, together make up the vast majority of the American people. Organized labor, industry and agriculture are asking for representation in the formulation of post-war policies because they represent the American people. They demand a voice in decisions, not to promote their

## RED CROSS WAR FUND CAMPAIGN WELL ON ITS WAY—IF YOU HAVE NOT CONTRIBUTED, DO IT NOW

Up to Wednesday morning only \$111,939.84 had been raised toward the \$212,000 goal, but the workers are confident and great effort is being made to see that Charlotte goes over the top in its allotted time. There are many yet who can and should give to this great cause who have not done so. It is the duty of every citizen to see that he does his part, by at least making a contribution. "YOUR RED CROSS IS AT HIS SIDE." Our boys need the ministrations of this noble organization. IF YOU HAVE NOT MADE YOUR CONTRIBUTION—DO IT NOW.

## DISCLAIM STORY OF \$50,000,000 FUND TO DEFEAT ROOSEVELT AS FOURTH-TERM PRESIDENT

LONDON, March 3.—A statement by Elmer Davis, director of the Office of War Information, identifying the British United Press as the news agency which sent to England a story that opponents of President Roosevelt were raising \$50,000,000 to defeat him if he ran for a fourth term elicited a reply from the British United Press today.

Frank Fisher, managing editor of the agency, said: "The story of a campaign fund being raised to beat Roosevelt was cabled to London as a routine part of the news report for British clients and the BUP has no knowledge of how or why it later appeared in a folder distributed by the Ministry of Information to newly arrived American troops."

(The British United Press is a subsidiary of the United Press Association in the United States.)

The story, which was published in British newspapers late in January, later appeared in a four-page newspaper distributed by the British Ministry of Information to newly arrived American troops at British ports of embarkation.

As reproduced in the Ministry's newspaper it said: "Roosevelt's opponents are ready to spend \$50,000,000 (12,500,000 pounds) to beat him if—as they assume—he makes a fourth term bid for President at the November elections."

This version was credited to no source of agency but the story as it appeared in the London Daily Express of Jan. 30 was credited to "the British United Press from Washington."

(Davis identified the agency in a letter to Senator Byrd, Democrat, Virginia, who had characterized the story as "obvious propaganda." Previously the OWI had said that its inclusion in the Ministry of Information paper was done by a local editor without the knowledge of the Ministry and that its reproduction was a "mistake" in judgment on the part of the editor.)

## WILMINGTON GOT \$370,871,000 IN WAR CONTRACTS THROUGH DEC. 1943—HIGHEST IN STATE

WILMINGTON, March 6.—The Federal government has spent a total of \$370,871,000 in New Hanover county on the war program, by far the highest figure for any North Carolina county, it was learned here today from the new "Summary of War Supply and Facility Contracts," released by the War Production board.

The total represent expenditures here through December, 1943.

In supply contracts alone, New Hanover has received \$313,679,000 at the hands of the government. This amount has been divided between the shipbuilding program \$309,697,000 and miscellaneous contracts, \$3,982,000. New Hanover "facility projects" through November, 1943, handled a total of \$57,192,000 in Federal funds, \$20,301,000 of the total classified as "industrial" and \$36,891,000 as "nonindustrial." Hospitals, airports, and like projects are termed "facility projects."

## REPRESENT'VE DOUGHTON WILL WIN GRATITUDE OF MILLIONS OF INCOME TAXPAYERS IF BILL GETS THROUGH

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Some 30,000,000 of the nation's 50,000,000 individual income taxpayers received a word of consolation from Congress that the current epidemic of digit fever may be the last they will suffer.

Ways and Means, Chairman Doughton, Democrat of North Carolina, disclosed that the tax-formulating body is working on a plan under which persons with incomes up to \$5,000 won't have to file returns after this year.

Emerging from a committee session, the chairman said the body had given "special consideration" to a program whereby the withholding levy against wages and salaries—after necessary adjustments of exemptions, deductions and rates—would become the actual tax for the lower income levels, requiring no formal return at the year end.

In Doughton's words, the committee studied "the possibility of arranging the withholding tax so as to eliminate the requirement of taxpayers with income up to \$5,000 of having to file a regular income tax return, but allowing them the option of filing a simple statement or slip as to their income, or the regular return."

In this simplification effort, the committee is seeking:

- To retain, so far as possible, the present tax burden against all levels of income, dropping few if any of the 50,000,000 victory and income taxpayers from the tax rolls.
- Integrating the present victory, normal, and surtaxes into one simple rate.

This latter provision is expected by the congressional tax experts to provide substantial relief for the 20,000,000 persons in higher income brackets, who probably will continue to file annual returns.

Nothing in the simplification program would affect the returns on 1943 income due before March 15.

Doughton said the congressional tax staff and Treasury tax experts were working "in perfect harmony." This contrasted with his statement during the tax veto battle last week that "irresponsible theorists" in the Treasury were to blame for the difficulty.—Francis M. Le May in Charlotte Observer.

## BROUGHTON IS AGAINST TOO MUCH POST WAR "PRATTLING"

CORAL GABLES, Fla.—Governor J. M. Broughton of North Carolina told the Century Club here last night that in this war democracy in America, "and indeed in the world," has survived its greatest challenge and has not lost any of its characteristics in the process.

He predicted that the "victorious end of this war will find Democracy throughout the earth and more vital than ever before."

Declaring the hope of America and of democracy lies in progress and not in reaction, Broughton said the forces of evil have failed and "they have not only the desperate chance that the 'peace now' propaganda in America will have them, where America first failed," and added:

"Although victory is in sight, too much complacency could rob us of the greatest victory of all time. Too much postwar prattling can cost precious lives and delay dangerously the final outcome."

## PRODUCE FOR VICTORY

## Time Out to Romp With Spot



Lt. Col. Ernest R. Lee and Capt. Reagan Houston enjoy a romp with Spot on the Italian front. Lieutenant Colonel Lee accompanied Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower on his visit to Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, commanding general of the Fifth Army. (Signal Corps photo from OWL.)

## HAVE WE KEPT FAITH?

By RUTH TAYLOR

In this war, as in all ideological conflicts, each participant has talked much of its past. Each nation has boasted of its culture and of the high level of its civilization. Each group has bragged of the accomplishments of its forebears. But no one seems to have remembered that the culture of each, the civilization of each, is no greater than that displayed by the generation coming up.

If we of the present generation do not retace the lessons of the past, so that the next generation may profit by them; if we do not add to the culture we have received so that the coming generation can in turn build on it, then of what avail is the past?

No nation, no group is entitled to be judged on the brave deeds of its ancestors. It must be judged on the actions of the present and the promise of the future.

Of what good was the storied art of Italy, when a people weakened by dependence on the past, let in the Fascist ideology, that destroyer of the democratic ideal that had been the glory of Rome, and of which Virgil had sung?

Of what good was the world-loved music of Germany, when a people, too pride-bound to face the facts, drowned out that music with the screams of tortured thousands?

Of what good was the boasted sun-god lineage of the Japanese when their cohesive strength was used to lay waste peaceful lands and enslave millions of their fellow Asiatics?

Of what good is the thrift and courage and steadfastness of the pioneers who founded America, to those who carp and cavil at every restriction, at every inroad upon their accustomed manner of living?

Of what good are the high sounding phrases of the Constitution to those who here in our free United States deny equality of opportunity to all Americans, who condemn groups en masse, who spread the lies and prejudices which the Founding Fathers thought had been left behind in the old World from which they fled?

It isn't what we were. It is what we are, and what the next generation will be that really matters. And what they will be starts with us and the example and precept we give them.

HAVE WE KEPT FAITH WITH THE PAST? WILL WE KEEP FAITH WITH THE FUTURE? THAT IS THE CHALLENGE! WE ARE THE LINK IN THE CHAIN UPON WHICH THE STRAIN NOW RESTS. WILL WE HOLD, AS DID THOSE BEFORE US? IT IS THE PRESENT THAT COUNTS.

## LIBERTY SHIP NAMED FOR I. T. U. MEMBER

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—A new Liberty Ship, named after the late Cornelius Ford, former Public Printer of the United States, was launched here at the Walsh-Kaiser Shipyard.

Mr. Ford, a life-long member of the International Typographical Union, served as President of the New Jersey State Federation of Labor for eleven years and also as an organizer for the AFL. Elected to the New Jersey Legislature in 1910, he secured the enactment of a workmen's compensation act. He was appointed Public Printer in 1913 by President Wilson and served in that capacity during the First World War. One of his sons and four grandsons are now serving in the Navy.

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## THE MARCH OF LABOR

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