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### A. F. L. NON-PARTISAN POLITICAL POLICY IS INSISTED UPON BY PRESIDENT WILLIAM GREEN

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Acting upon instructions of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, William Green, AFL president, addressed a circular to all affiliated unions of the federation, calling upon them to give no aid or cooperation to the Political Action Committee of the CIO, headed by Sidney Hillman.

Mr. Green declared in the circular that in the coming national campaign the American Federation of Labor would pursue its traditional non-partisan policy of supporting friends and opposing enemies seeking office, and that "under no circumstances" should unions affiliated with the federation collaborate with the CIO Political Action Committee.

In his letter, Mr. Green said: "The executive council directs that all affiliated unions carry out this non-partisan political policy free from association with or obligations to other organizations. The council directs that under no circumstances must state federations of labor, city central labor unions or our directly affiliated unions collaborate with representatives of dual organizations, or allow the representatives of dual organizations to participate in formation and execution of the non-partisan political policy of the American Federation of Labor.

"We cannot compromise in this matter. We cannot allow the prestige and standing of the American Federation of Labor to be exploited

or used by dual rival, rebel movements. The only way to have unity in the house of labor is through a return to the house of labor by the dual rebel, rival movements. When this step is taken they can then participate in the formation of American Federation of Labor policies, but until they do we cannot concede that any unit of a dual movement can participate in the formulation of American Federation of Labor political policies."

Mr. Green also called upon affiliates of the AFL that have been or are collaborating with the CIO Political Action Committee "to cease and desist immediately."

"I repeat again," he added, "maintain the prestige, the traditions and the vital principles and policies of the American Federation of Labor, which call for the formation of our non-partisan political policies, free from collaboration or consultation with rebel dual, rival labor movements."

Mr. Green concluded by requesting all AFL affiliates to comply with the instructions of the executive council, "both in spirit and in letter."

### IT'S UP TO YOU—WRITE THE BOYS

By RUTH TAYLOR

Recently when I have spoken in Central Trades Councils, there is one question which is always asked me. "What should we do to counteract the subversive propaganda going on about labor among the boys in the armed forces? What can be done to assure the veterans getting the truth? Why doesn't someone do something about it?"

My answer is always the same. The American Federation of Labor is doing something about it—but that doesn't absolve the individuals in every local union from doing their part of the job.

The American Labor Movement is not only doing its full share in this war on the production front, but a goodly proportion of the members of every local union have joined the armed forces of our nation and are now fighting on the battlefronts all over the world.

This gives the members of every local an opportunity to do their share in counteracting anti-Labor propaganda.

There is one thing that always gets through to the boys in the armed forces and that is V-mail. Let every local union appoint correspondence committees whose task it will be to write regularly to their fellow workers in the armed services—and to give them the facts. Take up one charge against labor in each letter and give the true side of the case. Let the men have labor's explanation at their finger tips so that they can counteract the propaganda which is just as distasteful to them as to the men at home. They have to be supplied with the facts to answer the charges.

As part and parcel of our desire to show them honor for their patriotism and their spirit, it is our duty to maintain close contacts with these, our fellow trade unionists. The men in the far-flung outposts of our nation are cut off from their own trade union contacts. When they leave these shores, their labor papers cannot always follow them. The papers they will see, will far too often, be anti-labor. They will be among men unfamiliar with trade unionism. They need to be kept in touch with their own trade, with their own union, and to be made to realize that they are still an integral part of the American Labor Movement, which, no more than selective service, knows no class, creed or color.

Most of them are young—young in years and young in the movement. In normal times they would be learning what trade unionism means. Don't let that education stop because YOU can't take the time to write a letter. Get busy! This is something YOU can do.

### Durham Plant Tobacco Workers Strike Is Ended

DURHAM.—A three-weeks old strike of 2,400 employees of the Durham plant of the American Tobacco Co. has ended and the workers returned to their jobs Monday morning. The workers voted overwhelmingly

at a meeting last week to end the walkout after G. T. Dunn, president of Local 183 of the International Tobacco Workers Union (AFL), urged them to take this step.

Dunn said he believed that the National War Labor Board would act soon on the Durham case. He also read a letter from the company saying that there would be no discrimination against any employee for having taken part in the strike.

"We are not whipped," he told the workers. "We are simply trying another angle on getting what we want. If that doesn't work, we'll go out (on strike) again. And next time, Richmond and Reidsville will go out with us."

The American Tobacco Co. also has plants at Reidsville and Richmond, Va. The strike began here after the workers voted almost six to one, in an election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board, to walkout in protest of the company's refusal to grant them a union shop contract. The strike climaxed a three-month dispute.

FOR VICTORY: BUY BONDS

### WAR OVER IN TWO MONTHS SAYS MR. FORD

ATLANTA, March 21.—Predictions that the war will be over in two months and that railroads may be abandoned were made here yesterday by Henry Ford, who added that "laziness and idleness are the cause of all the world's troubles. The motor magnate, in a copyrighted interview in the Atlanta Constitution, asked what he thought was the greatest postwar problem, replied: "Go to work. That's the answer to everything."

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### LABOR LEADERS VISIT ASHEVILLE; HEAR NOTABLES AND TO BANQUET

(West Asheville News, March 17.) With President C. A. Fink, of the North Carolina State Federation of Labor, Dr. Ralph McDonald, candidate for governor, and James F. Barrett, Southern Publicity Director, as principal speakers, the Asheville Central Labor Union held a most interesting meeting Friday evening, March 17. With a banquet at the S & W cafeteria, the Asheville Unionists began a series of gettogether meetings through which it is hoped to stimulate interest in the Labor Movement in Western North Carolina. A delegation from the Charlotte Central Labor Union, headed by T. L. Conder and J. A. Moore, added much to the success of the meeting.

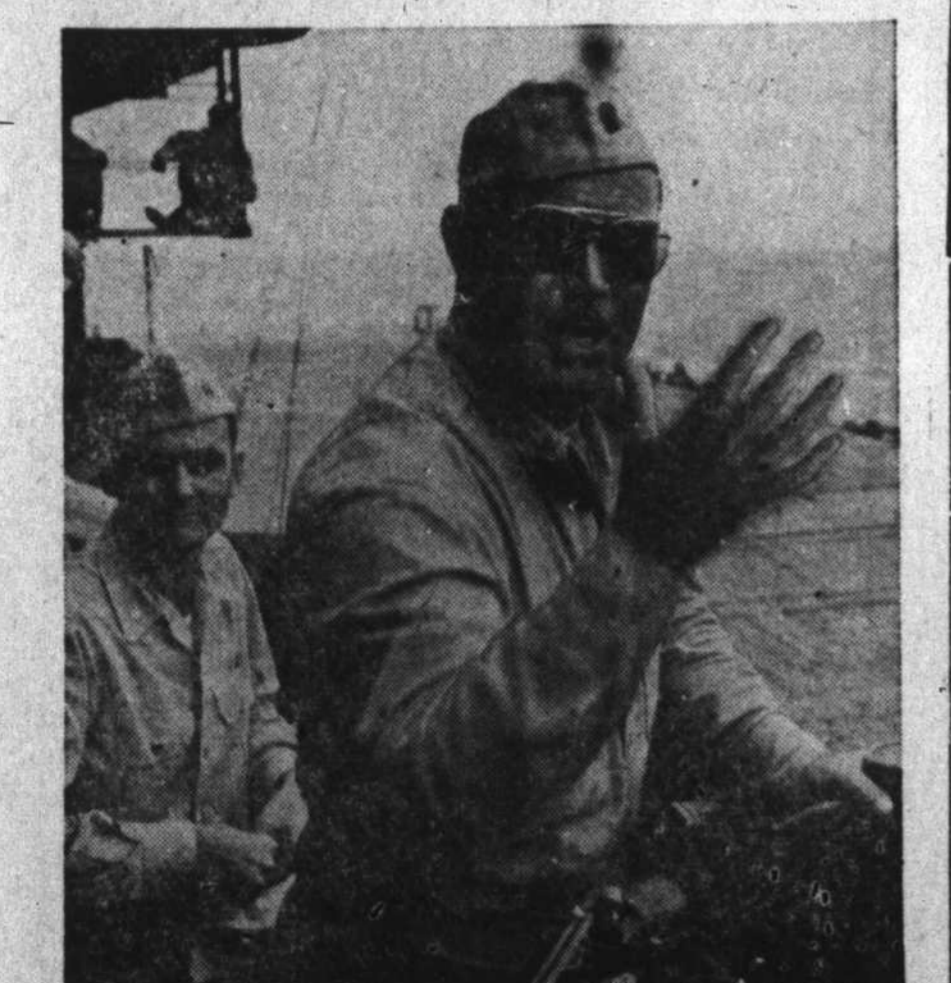
President Ballard presided, and Secretary Hensley assisted in the conduct of the meeting. Representative Adair, of the I. B. E. W., and Miss Virginia Briggs, IBEW organizer in the telephone division, were among the visiting labor officials attending the meeting. Local unions represented included the Enka local, the Sayles Bleachery local, the Asheville Cotton Mills, the Barbers, Carpenters and Joiners, the Tannery Workers local, Painters and Decorators, Bricklayers, Moving Picture Operators, Electrical Workers, the Telephone Operators, the Office Workers, the Bus Drivers, the American Federation of Government Employees, the Plumbers and Sttamfitters, and others.

President Ballard introduced the delegations representing each local union, and most interesting reports were made from all organizations. Among the invited speakers James F. Barrett, better known throughout the South as "Uncle Jim," was first presented.



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### "Five More to Come"



Official U. S. Navy Photograph—OWI "Five more to come," signals Comdr. J. T. Workman to the captain's bridge as Navy planes land on their carrier after a strike against Jap fortifications in the Marshalls. With him is Comdr. E. M. Snowden, air group commander, who landed earlier with the first flight to return. Comdr. Workman lives in Detroit and Comdr. Snowden in Beaufort, N. C.

### INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE MEETS APRIL 20 IN PHILADELPHIA—TO ASK UNIVERSAL SOCIAL SECURITY

MONTREAL, March 21.—The International Labor Office announced tonight that it will recommend to the International Labor Conference opening April 20 in Philadelphia the adoption of a code of general principles to be applied in developing social security schemes throughout the world.

The chief proposals made in the code are that income security be guaranteed to all employed and self-employed persons against all major contingencies, and that medical care be made available to all either through public or social insurance services.

The International Labor Office is the permanent secretariat of the International Labor Organization, and has had its headquarters here since it moved from Geneva in 1940.

At least 40 of the member states of the Organization are expected to be represented at the Philadelphia Conference by tripartite delegations composed of government, labor and management representatives.

According to tonight's announcement, the Office will propose that the Conference adopt two formal "Recommendations" embodying the social security code. The proposed

text of these Recommendations are given in a report prepared by the Office for submission to the Conference on the third item of the agenda, which is listed as "Social Security: Principles, and Problems arising out of the War."

One of the Recommendations deals with income security, and the other covers medical care. If they are approved by the Conference, they must be brought to the attention of the competent authorities in the various countries for legislative or other action.

The code is designed, it is stated in a preamble to the Recommendations, with "a view to the implementation of the fifth principle of the Atlantic Charter," which calls for international economic collaboration to secure "improved labor standards, economic advancement and social security."

### Primary And Election Dates Are Announced

Six candidates have entered the race for the four Mecklenburg county seats in the Legislature as Chairman Chase Brenizer of the Mecklenburg board of elections began to get the election machinery oiled up and announced the various dates which will govern the voting in the primaries and elections. Manley R. Dunaway, Charlotte businessman, got into the race Saturday, joining J. B. Vogler, E. T. Tonissen, C. E. Hobbs, R. B. Street, and Bob Leinster. Mr. Dunaway is 48 years old, a real estate dealer, resident of Charlotte for 21 years, married, and veteran of World War I. Mr. Brenizer in announcing the various dates of interest to the candidates and voters said that the final day for filing for county offices is April 15. The registration books open at the polling places April 29.

The books will be open for three Saturdays, and the third Saturday after April 29 will be challenge day. The first primary will come on May 27, and the second will come on June 24. The general election, of course, will come November 7. The last filing day for state and national offices was last Saturday at 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

### HERE IS SOME MORE INCOME TAX "INFO"

While the majority of the nation's 50 million taxpayers will find their 1944 federal income tax obligations taken care of through withholding by their employers, an estimated 15 million will be required to file declarations of their estimated 1944 tax by April 15. Declaration forms are being mailed by the Bureau of Internal Revenue to all persons who filed declarations last fall. The first quarterly payment of estimated tax shown to be due on the declaration should be made at the time the declaration is filed, the other payments to be made on or before June 15, September 15, and December 15. Farmers who receive more than 80 per cent of their income from farming, may postpone filing their declarations until December 15. However, if they wait until December they must pay all of their estimated tax at that time.

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

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### THE MARCH OF LABOR

THE POLL TAX KEEPS TEN MILLION AMERICANS FROM VOTING. (6,000,000 WHITES, 3,000,000 NEGROES)

DAY AND NIGHT, EVERY 5 SECONDS A WORKER SOMEWHERE IN THIS COUNTRY GETS HURT, AND EVERY 9 MINUTES ONE IS KILLED.

YOU CAN BE SURE YOUR HAT IS UNION-MADE IF IT BEARS THIS UNION LABEL.

BY FAR THE BEST PRODUCTION IS OBTAINED IN PLANTS WHERE MANagements SIT DOWN WITH UNIONS AND ADJUST THEIR MARRIAGES, STATES SENATOR FRANCES PERKINS.