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### ARMY CALLED UPON BY LABOR TO CORRECT LYING PROPAGANDA WHICH IS BEING FED OUR TROOPS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Organized labor called upon the War Department to take "positive steps" to inform the men in the armed forces of the truth regarding labor's war record. A delegation from the AFL and CIO held a conference with Under-Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson in an effort to prevail upon the armed forces to take the initiative in this matter.

AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany presented the gist of the case when he asked Mr. Patterson these questions:

1. Are the members of the armed forces now misinformed as to labor's participation in the war effort?

2. If they are so misinformed, doesn't the War Department have a direct responsibility to tell the servicemen the truth?

Secretary Patterson insisted that the service publications do not distort labor news. He submitted evidence that these publications print stories about labor's production achievements along with news of strikes. He indicated he felt that stories about servicemen's resentment against labor have been exaggerated and do not represent the views of the average man in uniform.

While Secretary Patterson did not agree that it is up to the War Department to correct any misapprehensions regarding labor the troops may be suffering from, he indicated willingness to consider any specific suggestions organized labor cares to submit.

Among the suggestions pending are ways and means of bringing labor publications such as the American

Federationist to the attention of the troops to counteract hostile labor stories printed in non-official publications which are available in military camps. The hitch, at present, is that the armed forces distribute to camp libraries only such publications as are requested by the servicemen.

Support for labor's point of view on this issue came unexpectedly from the Washington Post which declared editorially that "there seems merit" in labor's plea that the War Department give the troops a "more positive picture of labor's accomplishments."

"Undoubtedly, press reports have tended to dramatize, and perhaps overplay, the occasional stoppages that have occurred in war production," the editorial said. "It is precisely because these are extraordinary that they are newsworthy. It is a good deal more difficult to make good copy out of the day-to-day story of devoted effort in the mines and mills. Yet the record attests that, in the main, this devotion has been very high. There is simply no other basis on which the miracle of American production can be explained."

"Certainly the morale of men in the field will be heightened rather than hurt by a knowledge that they are being faithfully backed up at home."

### A. F. OF L. GIVES PLEDGE TO BUILD BRIDGE OF LANDING CRAFT

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Leading spokesmen of labor and management gave a resounding pledge to build a "bridge of landing craft" for the Navy to spearhead the United Nations' drive to victory.

Commemorating the second anniversary of the Amphibious Forces, a group of 18 labor and management representatives of the landing craft industry visited various east coast training bases and were "shipmates" of the Navy aboard an LCI-L (Landing Craft Infantry, Large) on maneuvers in the Chesapeake Bay.

They returned to their plants and union organizations impressed with the vast job that lies ahead in providing the thousands of various types of landing craft, their component and battle replacement parts, for the big invasions yet to come.

Lt. Comdr. S. M. Cox, executive officer at the Camp Bradford, Va., Amphibious Training Base, told the group, grimly: "You build the ships and we will train the crews. We need these ships and we need them badly."

He received a prompt, enthusiastic response. Frank Fenton, Director of Organization, American Federation of Labor, said:

"We will build a bridge of landing craft which our brave soldiers and sailors will cross to victory. It is the policy of the AFL to push landing craft production to the limit, with no strikes. Our pledge to the Navy is given."

Other AFL representatives who participated in the inspection trip included Lewis G. Hines, legislative representative of the AFL, and Eric Peterson, general vice president, International Association of Machinists.

### EXPOSE BY EX-PARTY OFFICIAL LINKS C. I. O. LEADERS WITH COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONS

NEW YORK CITY.—A former Negro Communist leader, who studied party doctrine at the Lenin School in Moscow and later held high office in the Community part, revealed that M. J. Quill, head of the Transport Workers' Union (CIO) was an active Communist and that he and other leaders of the CIO attended secret policy-making meetings of the Communist inner councils.

The now disillusioned Communist who made the charges was Timothy Holmes, former member of the Communist state committee and the Communist Polburo, and formerly a teacher of party doctrine at the Workers School here. His accusations were attested to in an affidavit made public by "The New York World-Telegram."

He said that Mr. Quill and other CIO leaders reported regularly on confidential union matters to the Communist leadership and too orders from that leadership in the execution of union affairs, even to such questions as the calling of strikes. The internal problems of the unions, the recruiting within the unions of Communist members, and the dealing with anti-Communist elements in the unions, all were discussed with the Communist leadership, according to Mr. Holmes.

He said that Abram Flaxer, president of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America, CIO, was another who attended the secret Communist party meetings.

Although Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, did not attend party meetings, according to Mr. Holmes, he was regarded as a "dyed-in-the-wool Communist who could always be trusted to go along with party policy." Two of Mr. Curran's aides, did, however, report to the Polburo, he asserted. He described meetings of the party which he attended in the presence of Ferdinand Smith, N. M. U. secretary, and Frederick N. Myers, vice-president of the N. M. U.

### FIRST LABOR DAILY PAPER TO BE LAUNCHED THIS MONTH IN SAN DIEGO, CAL.

THE DAILY JOURNAL STARTS WITH 40,000 DAILY CIRCULATION GUARANTEED—OTHERS WILL FOLLOW THROUGHOUT COUNTRY.

SAN DIEGO, CAL.—Hungry for honest news, all sections of organized labor here—AFL and CIO—are supporting a new paper, The Daily Journal, scheduled to start publication this month as the only progressive, Win-the-War, pro-Roosevelt Administration Daily in this humming war area.

The AFL Federated Trades and Labor Council has appointed Arthur Manning full-time chief of Organized Labor's end of the Journal's subscription drive. He reported recently to the Council that he'd been promised 100% support from every local union official contacted.

The Journal is Organized Labor's baby, but it will have been god fathered by liberal civic and religious groups and by pro-administration forces which are growing stronger as San Diego becomes more and more a center of war production.

Editor and publisher of the new paper is Clinton D. McKinnon who, although still in his early 30's, has packed a lot of successful publishing and editing into his career.

The AFL Council, representing a membership of more than 40,000 has pledged at least 20,000 subscriptions. The Aeronautical Lodge of the AFL International Association of Machinists, whose members produce the bombers and fighting equipment constructed at the giant Consolidated Aircraft Corp. plant, has pledged a proportionate number.

McKinnon has announced that the paper will carry syndi-

### CHARLOTTE CENTRAL LABOR UNION MEETING NEXT THURSDAY WILL BE GIVEN OVER TO ORGANIZATION; PROMINENT SPEAKERS ON HAND

On next Thursday night at the Labor Temple in Charlotte a meeting of the A. F. of L. forces of labor in the Western and Piedmont sections of North Carolina will be held, with speakers of prominence in the Labor movement, as well as civilian life. Those who will be present and address the meeting include Hon. Cameron Morrison and Dr. Ralph McDonald, both being honorary members of the State Federation of Labor; George L. Googe, southern representative of the A. F. of L.; C. A. Fink, president of the N. C. State Federation of Labor; James F. Barrett, southern publicity director, A. F. of L., and others prominent in the A. F. of L. labor movement.

Representatives will be present from Asheville, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, High Point, Salisbury, Gastonia and other points.

The main purpose of the meeting is to give impetus to an organization drive which the A. F. of L. will put on in this territory. All routine business will be dispensed with at this meeting, and it is open to all A. F. of L. members. A barbecue supper, and "fish a plenty," will be served at 6:30 p.m., prior to the meeting at 7:30.

President Scoggins, and Brothers Lon Conder and Jack Moore, along with others of the Central Body have put in much time on this affair and the meeting promises to be one that will mark the beginning of a new era for the A. F. of L. in this territory. It will be non-political in nature.

So long as we have held fast to voluntary principles and have been actuated and inspired by the spirit of service, we have sustained our forward progress and we have made our Labor Movement something to be respected and accorded a place in the councils of our Republic. No lasting gain has ever come from compulsion. If we seek to force, we but tear apart that which otherwise, is invincible.—Samuel Gompers.

ated columns by Drew Pearson, Samuel Grafton, Jimmie Fidler, Dorothy Thompson, Eleanor Roosevelt and Dorothy Dix. Washington coverage will be furnished by the Chicago Sun news bureau.



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!"

### OUR VICTORY VETERANS

What are we going to do for them? Their fathers came back from serving in World War I and they had to sell apples. What about our "Vets" of World War II? They have been fighting for the Four Freedoms. Some have been wounded in action in the struggle to preserve a "government of the people, by the people, for the people."

They lived in foxholes and submarines; they sacrificed and suffered; they saw their buddies drop around them. They went through hell!

Will America give the veteran of World War II a job, or must he, also, sell apples?

He has been promised a good job when he comes home—that means a job at decent wages under decent working conditions. Are we going to keep that promise?

There must be a market for what he produces. That market can only be assured if the people of America have sufficient purchasing power to buy.

That purchasing power can be secured in only one way — maintaining wages, hours and working conditions on a high level. They are maintained in America by labor unions.

Every time you buy Union Label goods, or patronize a service that is designated by a Shop Card or Service Button, you are helping to maintain the American standard of wages, hours and working conditions; you are helping prepare America to give a decent job at decent wages, hours and working conditions to every veteran of World War II and assure the boys now fighting this war good jobs when they get home!

J. M. O'Connell  
Secretary-Treasurer

UNION LABEL TRADES DEPARTMENT, American Federation of Labor, Washington 1, D. C.



### CAM MORRISON TALKS TO LION'S AT STATESVILLE

STATESVILLE, March 28.—Congressman Cameron Morrison, candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of United States Senator, addressed the Statesville Lions club and many visitors in Vance hotel last night. He was introduced by State Senator (Lion) Hugh G. Mitchell, program chairman.

Congressman Morrison made no reference to his opponents in his contest for the Senate, declaring that either praise of himself or criticism of his opponents would be a breach of good taste. He urged people to study the records of his opponents and himself and make up their own minds.

His speech was a severe and logical argument to show that while domestic questions are important, and that those affected by rules and regulations have a perfect and patriotic right to present their difficulties to the government and to ask for relief, all such conditions pale into insignificance compared to the selection of a President who will conduct our relations with foreign countries and act as commander-in-chief of our armed forces and who will negotiate the final peace arrangements looking to organization of the world for peace and against war.

He told how under the Constitution this responsibility lies upon the President, and said that until after negotiations of the peace terms by him no other authority had anything to do with it, but treaties and agreements entered into by the President must be submitted to the U. S. Senate for ratification. Hence, he said, the election of a senator in this time of world conflagration is next in importance to the election of President.

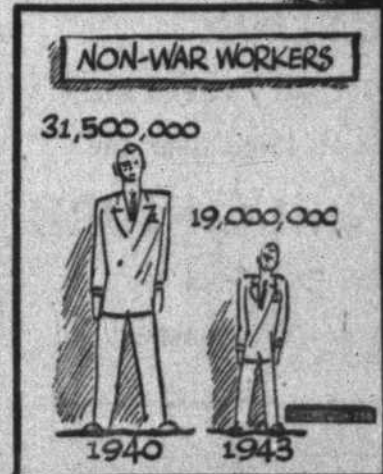
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