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To create a better understanding between Labor, Industry and the Public.

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To influence Public Opinion in favor of the Organized Labor Movement.

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**WEEKLY BIBLE QUOTATION**

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? . . . and in thy name done many wonderful works. . . . And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you."—Jesus Christ in St. Matthew.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1944

**LABOR BEING MORE APPRECIATED**

Some railroad presidents have come up through the ranks, but President William M. Jeffers of the Union Pacific Railroad is among the few who still carry their Union Card. He is a Member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Telegraphers.

In a recent address, President Jeffers praised the patriotic record of American Labor, especially those employed on the railroads, with whose loyalty and efficiency he is especially familiar.

He said there may be Labor Unions which have done things that are open to criticism, but insisted, "the Labor I know—and those are men who work on the American railroads—are up-headed, strong minded American citizens," and he added:

"Labor Unions properly led and directed are a help to Industry. Don't get yourself mixed up in those cliques that cry that Labor Unions should be circumscribed.

"I am the President of a great railroad, but I still carry my Union Card in the Brotherhood of Railroad Telegraphers. That should be evidence to anyone that I believe in Labor Unions.

"I emphasize that because so much has been said recently about the necessity of 'handling' Labor. Labor can be 'handled' in this country if it is honestly, fairly and efficiently handled.

"We recently had a situation where some one thought it necessary for the army to take over the railroads. Possibly it was. But that didn't apply to the railroad men on the railroad of which I am President."

Jeffers sharply condemned newspapers, and politicians who try to set Workers apart from other groups and to treat them as second-class citizens.

"Let's have no distinction between the ordinary Workingman and the so-called big Industrialist," he declared.

In greatly increasing numbers American Industrialists and Business Leaders are beginning to further appreciate Labor's effort and it is hoped that this gratifying trend will continue.

**LINCOLN AND LABOR**

Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor and could not have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital and deserves much the higher consideration.—Abraham Lincoln.

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**VINSON GETS 25 PER CENT RAISE**

While Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson bitterly fought a microscopic 8-cent-an-hour increase for railroad workers on the ground that it was inflationary, he himself received a \$2,500 salary increase, plus a \$628 wartime cost-of-living bonus—a hike 10 per cent above that allowed under the "Little Steel" formula—Congressman J. Glenn Beall (Rep., Md.), revealed last week. Congressman Beall hit the nail on the head when he inquired: Does that mean the wage freeze applies only to the many, but not to the few?

Citing figures furnished him by Comptroller General Lindsay Warren, Beall declared that Vinson's salary was raised from \$12,500 to \$15,000 and that he is also getting \$628 more a year under terms of a congressional resolution giving Federal employees a bonus to meet wartime living costs — altogether a 25 per cent increase.

"Mr. Vinson waxed loud and long that an 8-cent-an-hour increase for the railway workers would be inflationary, but the fact is the average railway worker gets less in total annual income than the increase in salary Mr. Vinson himself received," Beall said. — Journal of Labor, Atlanta.

**INCIDENT**

By Vance B. King

A trader stood beside his gate and watched a passer-by. Perhaps the one I need, he thought, and raised a welcome cry. "I seek a man to take my place, as years have made me old; A man who trades with wisdom, friend — a man to make me gold. But, lo, as you move closer, friend, and now I see you near, I find your clothes are far from good, and fast becoming sheer." "Oh, sir, the clothes I wore were good, until not long ago I chanced upon a man in rags who needed clothing so." "But, man," the trader criticized, "you surely have some gold; Go straightway, friend, within a shop where what you need is sold." "But, sir, I have with me no gold," the stranger quickly said; "A man was sick — but for my gold the man would now be dead." "You gave of clothing, gave of gold, what took you from these men?" "Oh, nothing, sir, that I can show, but I feel well within." "Begone, you fool, I need not you," the irate trader cried! The stranger moved away—content with what he bore inside.

**OUR SOLEMN PLEDGE**

We, American workingmen and workingwomen, pledge ourselves to our first duty—to defeat and destroy Axis tyranny. We of American Labor, realize that this conflict transcends all other struggles and that every possibility of social progress depends upon the victory of the free nations. We, American soldiers of production, who provide so much of the Material, Men, Mobilization, Money, and Morale, vow that our country's war effort shall be organized without regard for any vested interests. We extend warmest Labor solidarity to the suffering people under the heel of the brutal Axis conquerors. In tribute to their great courage in keeping the flames of freedom burning, we declare: no appeasement or tolerance will ever be shown to the Fascist Hangmen. We appeal to the working people of Germany, Italy, and Japan to take matters into their own hands and settle scores with their savage Fascist rulers. This is our common path to lasting peace and justice.



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**EASTER LIGHTS**

By RUTH TAYLOR

As the lights of the world are dimmed this Easter tide, as the battle of the ages—the battle between slavers and free men—rages in the far corners of the earth, there is more than ever need for those of us who believe to light little candles in our hearts—candles of devotion and faith to see us through dark days and darker nights and to enable us to face whatever may come unafraid, because we have seen the light.

Our first candle is the clear, steady flame of truth—the light that dispels the shadows and false images of darkness and propaganda. We must keep its light burning bright in our hearts so that we may not be led astray into following after chimerical beliefs or selfish ambitions, hatreds and prejudices.

Our second candle is the slow burning light of patience—the light given us by which to wait and work for the fulfilling of the law. We must guard well this light in our hearts for we will have need of it in the dark hours before the dawn of the new day of peace, and the resurrection morning of all our highest visions.

Our third candle is the gentle gleam of mercy—not a condescending charity, but a helpful spirit toward all our brothers. We must tend this light for without it all is lost. There can be no light for any, if there is not light for all.

Our fourth candle is the warm glow of friendliness—the spirit of love for our neighbor, regardless of his class, creed or color. We must cherish this light, for in it lies all the law and the prophets, for "if a man love not his neighbor whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"

Our fifth candle is the high reaching flame of gratitude—of thankfulness, for the mercies of the past, for the opportunities to serve of the present, and for the courage to face the future—"assured alone that, life or death, His mercy underlies." We must keep this candle burning as a sacrificial fire which warms our hearts even as it burns.

The sixth candle is the brilliant light of faith, of a belief in the Goodness of God, of the knowledge that in the words of St. John, "We are the sons of God." We must place FIRST the light of faith, for through faith all things are possible—faith not in man alone, but in God and in the God-given power of man to do right that the end may be right.

These are the candles of the heart and spirit to be nursed with care and to be kept ever before us, for only as we keep the light ahead of us, will the shadows fall behind and the way be made clear into the pathway of peace.

At the Fast of Ab in Jerusalem last August, twenty thousand Jews were at the Wailing Wall in prayer and supplication.

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