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### ADDRESS BY DR. FRANK GRAHAM, PUBLIC MEMBER NATIONAL WAR LABOR BOARD, ON TOWN HALL OF AIR, DAYTON, O., 8:30 P.M. JUNE 1

[This pre-invasion address by Dr. Frank Graham becomes more applicable and worthy of perusal, since D-Day has dawned.—Ed.]  
America is in crisis on the home front on the eve of the Western European invasion. Montgomery Ward is blasting at the foundations of maximum production. The maintenance-of-membership provision in issue is vital to the production front and the battlefield. America has two great fronts: the war front and the home front. The home front is the great second front. The war front has six main battle fronts, Russian, Mediterranean, Western European, South Pacific, West Pacific and Asiatic. The American home front, with its stupendous production, is the mighty base for winning the war on all these battle-fronts. The two great responsibilities of the home front are maximum production and minimum inflation. The maintenance-of-membership provision is necessary for maximum production and minimum inflation.

Before Pearl Harbor but on the eve of America's entrance into the war the nation was shaken and production threatened by the bitter, stubborn struggle over the open and closed shop. The situation then made it clear that this issue, if unsettled, would endanger America caught between the tides of war rolling heavily in the two great oceans, East and West. An answer to the crucial and complex issue in a fair, clear and stable policy had to be found. The answer was found in the provision for the maintenance of membership. Out of the shock of Pearl Harbor was born the no-strike, no-lockout agreement of patriotic labor and patriotic management to settle all disputes by accepting the decisions of a tripartite War Labor Board. It is the national policy made necessary by the war to substitute for the nationwide conflict over the open and closed shop the nationwide acceptance of the Board's decisions on the merits for the maintenance of a voluntarily established membership in a responsible union. This provision is not a closed shop, is not a union shop and is not a preferential shop. The employer has the right to hire, fire and direct the working force. No new employee has to join the union to get a job. No old employee has to join the union to keep his job. If already in the union, a member has fifteen days within which to get out of the union and keep his job. This freedom to join or not to join, to stay in or get out, with foreknowledge of being bound by this provision to maintain his membership in good standing, as a condition of employment during the contract, provides for equity, liberty, and security for war production.

there should be a solid floor under the workers as a matter of simple justice, common decency and stabilized production for winning the war. This floor is the maintenance of membership now well tested and reasonably secure for supporting the union against disintegration under the impacts of the war.  
To knock out this floor now would bring down in ruins the whole structure of economic stabilization, ceilings and all. Strikes instead of being wildcat and sporadic would become uncontrollable and a menace to the war. Inflation instead of being tied to stable anchors would run away, spiraling upward by the cruel race between wages and prices, with all people losing except the speculators and profiteers. If Montgomery Ward breaks down the maintenance-of-membership policy, it will break down the war policies for maximum production and minimum inflation on this great American home base necessary to winning the war on all the battle-fronts of the world.  
Two main assaults have been made against the national war policies of this great American home base. In the coal case a terrific assault was made against wage stabilization; but the line held. Four reprehensible strikes with all their threat to the war failed to break the line staunchly held by the War Labor Board.  
The miners deservedly got increased earnings for increased working time in digging more coal and in counting travel time underground as working time in the computing of overtime under the Fair Labor Standards Act, all within the principles of the recent decisions of the highest courts. The mistaken insistence that the line was broken in the coal case has been a most dangerous threat to that line. It is important for the war that it be known that the miners received what they did because of the merits of their case, not because of their strikes.  
It is our faith that the line will also hold against the terrific assault of Montgomery Ward against the maintenance of membership sector of the line. When the miners struck the mines were seized. The seizure was not resisted. These leaders of the miners who were found guilty of violating the War Labor Disputes Act are now under the sentence of the courts. Montgomery Ward's defiance

### D-DAY PRAYERS BY THE PEOPLE OF N. C. BELLS TOLL, SIRENS SOUND AND OUR CHURCHES ARE OPENED

RALEIGH, June 7.—Reaction of North Carolinians to news of the invasion was expressed yesterday by their Governor when he said that "People throughout the state, in churches and other public assemblies, are engaged in prayer for the success of the Allied effort and safety of our men."  
Governor Broughton added that "in every activity on the home front there should be the highest spirit of dedication and unity."  
Churches throughout the state were opened for prayer at early morning, most of them remaining open all day. Churches of Raleigh, Goldsboro, Reidsville, Henderson, Charlotte, Asheboro, Statesville and Lumberton were among those which carried out special services. The Rev. Allyn Robinson said many of the church leaders stressed that prayers were for the strength and persistence, "not just to get God on our side."  
In Henderson, church bells were tolled and no sirens announced the invasion; in Charlotte sirens sounded and bells pealed; in Reidsville church bells rang but did not toll. Mass prayer services were held at the Lewisburg court house, while Asheville's Mayor L. Lyons Lee issued a proclamation and the Buncombe County Ministerial association called a mass meeting at the city auditorium tonight.  
General J. Van B. Metts, head of North Carolina's selective service, said, "In my judgment, this is going to mean a continued flow of men and materials crossing the channel for some time to come. Not only is it necessary that invasion forces establish themselves on the continent but it would seem that a much larger force will be maintained in view of the expanse of area over which fighting will take place."

### NO SECOND PRIMARY IN MECKLENBURG

Wade H. Williams has removed the possibility of a second primary in Mecklenburg county when he relinquished his right to call for a runoff between Fred H. Hasty and himself for the Democratic nomination for Judge of County Recorder's court.

of the government, with its epidemic possibilities for defiance by corporations and strikes by unions, forced a patient and reluctant government to seize the plant in the interest of the war effort. The greatest threat to maximum production for the war is in the sorry imitation of the main pattern makers of disunity, confusion and disruption by unrepresentative and irresponsible leaders in business and labor. These imitators are now a dangerous threat both to responsible American business enterprise, and to the responsible labor movement, and all their basic American values not only to the war but also to the freedom and democracy for which the war is fought.  
The War Labor Board, in its struggles with a few obstructionists and disruptionists, remembers the inarticulate millions who work and fight beyond the claims and clamor of the hour. Daily making fair adjustments of wages and daily providing for union maintenance within the two-fold policy of stabilization, the War Labor Board, with its back to the wall, mightily assaulted from two sides, still holds the heavily battered but unbroken line. The fateful and decisive issues of the global war on all fronts depend upon American production. Stabilized maximum American production depends upon (1) the stabilization of the union against disintegration, and (2) the stabilization of wages and prices against inflation. Twofold economic stabilization depends upon two fold acceptance of the decisions of the War Labor Board as the umpire appointed to hold this crucial sector of the embattled line. It is part of our historic Americanism to accept the decisions of the umpire from the youthful days of back lot baseball to the most critical days of the war.  
The American people in the midst of a war will back the umpire against the pattern makers of defiance and obstruction. The American people will back the war-effort against the giants, who, in frustration, hate, and fear of the democratic trends of the age, would pull down the two pillars of the temple of freedom and production. Montgomery Ward would have us return to a policy which would make paramount a disruptive internal conflict between capital and labor above the global conflict between the United Nations and the Axis Powers. For the War Labor Board to sidestep this issue would undermine and blast the foundations supporting the gigantic American production for winning the war. The American people will not tolerate the disruption of the continental American home base upon which still depend the six main battle-fronts of the war. The few obstructionists need to become aware of what is in the almost unspoken depths of that vast body of Americans in simple homes to whom their have men and their cause come first. The American people want to sacrifice something to share in the supreme sacrifice of their sons. They accept economic stabilization, rationing, price ceilings, wage controls, the decisions of the War Labor Board, selective service and the loss of brave men. They accepted maintenance of membership for maximum production as a now stabilized part of the struggle of working people to have a simple share in the organization of their own freedom and simple share in the control of their own lives and labor as one of the foundations of the democracy for which their sons are dying on all the battlefronts of freedom for winning the war, and pray God this time, for the international organization and enforcement of justice and peace in the world.

An additional possibility of a second primary existed in Mecklenburg, and in Avery, Burke, Cabarrus, Lincoln, and Mitchell, the other five counties in the Tenth Congressional district, until Hamilton C. Jones, of Charlotte decided not to call for a runoff in that triangular race for the Democratic nomination for Congress, between Joe W. Ervin, high man, and himself. John C. Stroupe of Hickory ran third.

### A. F. OF L. RALLIES ALL WORKERS TO SUPPORT INVASION FORCES WITH WORK OF HARDEST TYPE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Immediately after official announcement of Allied landings on the coast of France signaled the beginning of the long-awaited invasion of Europe, AFL President William Green issued an urgent message to all affiliated unions to maintain uninterrupted production until victory is won.  
His telegram to the presidents of all national and international unions in the Federation follows:  
"D-Day is here. From now until Hitler is finally crushed every worker enrolled in the army of production must consider himself part of the invasion forces of the United States and conduct himself accordingly.  
"I call on you, in the name of the American boys who are risking their lives under enemy fire, to maintain uninterrupted production under any and all circumstances. Until victory is won every worker must give the same all-out service that our armed forces are giving on the field of battle."  
The AFL chief cancelled other engagements calling him out of town and prepared to go on the air on the "Labor For Victory" program over NBC on June 11 with another important message to all AFL workers throughout the country.  
This program will feature a report on war production by three of the nation's outstanding war heroes who have been making a tour of war plants during the past few weeks. They are Sgt. Charles E. (Commando) Kelly and Lieut. Ernest Childers, who have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for their fighting exploits, and Machinists Mate H. J. Hulstrom, of the Navy's Seabees, who retains his membership in Local 3, San Francisco, of the International Union of Operating Engineers. Hulstrom is the possessor of the Purple Heart and other decorations.  
After these war heroes have related what they have seen in American war plants where they have been making personal appearances, President Green will rally the nation's workers to new efforts to help win the war in the shortest possible time.

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TO BE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT THE HAT YOU BUY IS UNION-MADE SEE THAT IT BEARS THIS LABEL.



WASHINGTON, D. C.—Labor and industry have been doing their part to make the American Infantry a highly efficient fighting force, Lieutenant General Lesley J. McNair, Commanding General of the Army Ground Forces, said in connection with nationwide Infantry Day observations scheduled for June 15.  
General McNair, in pointing out that Labor and Industry are backing up the Infantry by producing weapons, equipment and supplies—declared that the Infantry has never lacked these items and "owes much to the home front."  
Phillip Murray, president of the CIO, and William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, joined in the tribute to the Infantry, pledging the full support of their organizations to see that the needed equipment is turned out on time.  
Mr. Green's statement follows:  
"I am sure every member of the American Federation of Labor joins with me in paying a well deserved tribute to the Infantry on the occasion of Infantry Day. We are well aware of the hardships and dangers which the Infantrymen are facing on every battlefield.  
"I am proud that so many of these men are members of the A. F. of L. and that our members here at home have had much to do with producing the weapons, munitions and other supplies which our Infantrymen are using so effectively.  
"I want to assure them that everything possible will be done to see that they get the materials they need during the grave days ahead."