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COL. ARTHUR FLETCHER TO RETURN TO POSITION AS CHAIRMAN OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION COM.

Lt.-Col. Arthur L. Fletcher, on military leave with the Selective Service in Washington since May, 1942, will retire from Army service June 30 and will return to Raleigh to resume his position July 1 as Chairman of the Unemployment Compensation Commission, a position he has held since July 1, 1941, by appointment of Governor Broughton.

Colonel Fletcher, "Major" when he left, has had two sieges in Washington, a previous one as Assistant Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Dept. of Labor, from September 1, 1938, until June 30, 1940, and was Director of Region VI of that division until June 30, 1941, when he became UCC Chairman. Colonel Fletcher was N. C. Commissioner of Labor when he resigned

to go to Washington with the Wage and Hour Division and had held several important positions in the State prior to his election to that office, including Deputy Insurance Commissioner, Chief of the Federal Income Tax Division, and newspaper man. His military career includes service on the Mexican Border, overseas service in World War I and in Washington in World War II.

SAYS UNION LABOR FORMS THE SEABEES

WASHINGTON. — "The Navy's Seabees owe a great debt to union labor for having provided the Construction Battalions with a majority of their skilled men," Captain E. Jack Spaulding, USNR, Civil Engineer Corps, has been telling union meetings from coast to coast during the past few weeks. Spaulding has been expressing the Navy's appreciation for Labor's cooperation in the Seabee procurement program.

Capt. Spaulding, who directed the procurement of fighting construction workers for the Seabees congratulated union laboring men for "the magnificent contribution they have made to the strength of our skilled construction forces."

"Without their skill and experience, the advanced bases so necessary to the operation of the fleet would not have been built," he said.

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MANY "VETS" ON WAR JOBS SAYS THE OWI

WASHINGTON. — Ex-servicemen, many with war injuries, are doing good jobs in many war plants, according to an OWI report on discharged veterans of the present war. The report explains what is being done to place veterans in civilian jobs, and points out that discharged veterans of the present war are entering industry at the rate of approximately 70,000 per month. The majority are going into war jobs.

More than 74,000 veterans of the present war were placed in civilian jobs in February and March 1944 by USES.

Statistics show that veterans are seeking jobs different from those they held before entering the service. Only 25 percent of those discharged through hospitals from May 1, 1940, to the present have been returned to jobs they held before entering the service.

E. E. Conroy, head of the New York F. B. I., said he "expects a great crime wave will come as a result of juvenile delinquency, the drafting of young policemen and the return of ten million veterans, trained to kill".

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McNUTT SAYS NEW 4-F PLAN IS VOLUNTARY

WASHINGTON.—The new nationwide system of priority referral of male workers to important war jobs "continues in effect the principle of voluntary recruitment of civilian manpower," according to WMC Chairman Paul V. McNutt. Although critical manpower problems exist which must be solved, the new plan is in no sense "any indication that labor has fallen down on the job," he said.

"Labor," McNutt said, has "done a good job under the voluntary plan which is now being extended by the use throughout the nation of locally-tested and developed referral methods."

By rogues falling out honest men get their due; whoever it fits, he must put on the shoe. All work and no play will make Jack a dull boy; there ne'er was a pleasure without its annoy.

35 AREAS ARE DROPPED FROM THE WMC LIST

WASHINGTON.—Savannah, Ga., and New Bern, N. C., were placed in Group I (areas of acute labor shortage) in WMC's revised labor market classification which became effective June 1. Newton, Iowa, was taken from Group I and placed in Group II (areas in which a labor shortage is expected to develop at an early date).

Thirty-five areas in Group III and IV in which there have been for many months a surplus of labor and very little war production activity have been dropped from the list, which now totals 319 instead of 354.

Group I areas now number 69 as compared to 68 in May. Areas in Group II increased from 112 to 115 from May to June. Group III areas declined from 131 to 104 and Group IV from 43 to 31.

Duluth, Minn.—Superior, Wis., was moved from Group II to Group III. Moved from Group III to Group II were Asheville, N. C.; Claremont, Ohio; Lansing, Mich.; and Winston-Salem—Greensboro, N. C.

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