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They're Fighting: NOW--Back Them Up: NOW--Buy War Bonds: NOW

U. S. PAYS INTEREST ON BONDS TO BUY BULLETS FOR OUR BOYS TO FIGHT WITH, AND "HE'LL HELP PAY INTEREST--IF HE GETS BACK"

(Walter Winchell Column, Observer, June 25.)

THE PRIVATE PAPERS OF A CUB REPORTER

Many telegrams, letters and telephone calls followed the broadcast in which this editorial on war bonds was heard . . . Managers of defense plants requested a copy to reprint for 10,000 employees, etc. . . A shipyard wanted a copy of the recording to echo it to its thousands of workers . . . Radio stations here and there wired for the text . . . And so here it is . . . Anyone may reprint it without permission. Just credit it to the column and the N. Y. Mirror.

I have always spoken bluntly about the subject of war bonds, and I see no reason to pull any punches now . . . I do not think purchase of a war bond is a patriotic sacrifice. I think quite the opposite. I believe failure to do so is almost treason. In American history this should be called the War of the Armed Forces—because nobody else is fighting it.

It sounds silly, but the U. S. Government pays interest for the bullets it gives to its soldiers . . . And if the soldier is lucky enough to get back to his home, he must help to pay for the gun he carried . . . If he is shattered and if he recovers, he must help to pay for his crutches . . . Doesn't it make you proud to drive that kind of a bargain with your Government? . . . And to think that the money is owed to us civilians who never saw a battlefield!

If the crews of the lost B-29s which bombed Japan are lucky enough to get back with their heads, they will help pay you back for the B-29 in which they were shot down. And if they do not come back, their buddies will help to pay you for the bombs they dropped. You get paid either way. Yes—you may call yourself a patriot for taking less chance on your country than you do on a race horse . . . And those brave little nurses out on the Normandy beachhead, just as soon as they finish the job of caring for the men wounded while protecting you, they will start right to work to pay you back for the bandages!

Yep, it sounds incredible, but the posters are true . . . You can come out with 2 1/2 per cent in the same war that cost some of the guys (who fought it) their two legs. But don't let it worry you . . . If you don't buy a bond, you won't have to look every fighting man in the eye . . . Some of them are blind!

INVASION-BOUND TROOPS GO TO RED CROSS FOR NEWS OF FAMILY

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In the last minute rush to put their affairs in order before D-Day, more than 37,000 American servicemen in Great Britain called on Red Cross during the past month to get reports on the welfare of families at home, for help in personal problems, for loans and re-assurance on matters that have arisen since leaving their home ports.

To get the answers to many of the problems and to prevent unnecessary worry over emergencies at home, Red Cross field directors and their assistants exchanged more than 31,000 communications with local chapters and with Red Cross National Headquarters in Washington.

A Red Cross field director in North Africa also reported an increase in requests for Red Cross service to servicemen, particularly in rest camps for troops coming back from the Italian mainland and adjacent islands.

Regardless of ones age or condition, kindness is always becoming.

STATES ACT TO BENEFIT MIGRANT WORKER — N. C. TAKES CLAIMS ON THE NEW INTERSTATE SYSTEM

North Carolina is one of 18 states which have acted together to put into operation a new plan of unemployment benefit payments for the migratory worker, and last week received the first claims for handling under the new system. Through the Interstate Conference of Employment Security Agencies, of which the Unemployment Compensation Commission of North Carolina is a participating member, the states have developed this plan for combining into one employment record, for the purpose of benefit payments, the total wages earned by a worker who has moved from state to state.

In discussing the plan, W. R. Curtis, who is both the acting chairman of the North Carolina agency and a vice president of the Interstate Conference, stated that although the authority for this action by North Carolina had been granted by the 1943 Legislature, and the Commission itself accepted the plan last November, administrative details for a system of national scope had to be worked out in cooperation with other state agencies. The plan has just gone into effect here this month.

The purpose of the plan is to meet the objection to the present state-operated program of unemployment insurance on the ground that it imposes hardship and injustice on the migratory worker. The Interstate Conference has been working toward the perfection of this new plan for several years. At the present time only nine states lack the necessary permissive legislation for adopting it. The goal of the Conference is for all the other states, whose laws do not prevent, to subscribe to the plan within the next few months, so that it may be functioning as fully as possible before post-war claim loads develop.

Heretofore, individuals who have been employed in several states, because of minor differences in the 51 state systems, might (a) lose out on their benefit rights entirely, (b) lose out on a part of their duration, (c)

receive their benefits at an improperly low weekly benefit amount, or (d) receive more benefits than they could under any single system. In all these situations, the migratory worker could be either penalized or rewarded unfairly.

Under the new plan which the states have now put in operation, when a jobless worker showing a work history outside the state, files a claim for unemployment compensation in North Carolina, the Commission first secures from the other states where he has worked, the record of his earnings there. It is then determined from a summary of all his past earnings during the base periods, in which state the claimant would have the highest potential benefits. If it appears that that state is Maryland, in a particular case for instance, then North Carolina transfers the claim to Maryland which would be designated as "the paying state." The claimant receives his unemployment checks from Maryland according to the Maryland benefit formula, but on a basis which takes into consideration earnings in other states as well. By a system of interstate accounting, the paying state is proportionately reimbursed by the others.

The North Carolina Commission received last week the first two claims under the new plan on which this state would be the paying state. It has already transferred several wage records to other states for payment.

A. F. OF L. MEMBERS PROUD OF THEIR WORK; PLEDGE MANY MORE SUPERFORTRESSES

WASHINGTON, D. C.—All America was thrilled by the spectacular bombing of Japan by long-range Superfortresses, but no one got as big a kick out of the news as the thousands of AFL workers who make these giants of the air.

In Boeing plants at Seattle, Wichita and other sections of the country where the Superfortresses are in production, AFL workers pledged themselves to increase output of the world's biggest, newest and most powerful bombing plane.

Millions of words were printed in the newspapers in praise of the great Superfortresses, but few mentioned the fact that the skill and genius of union workers made them possible.

One of the few exceptions was Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, who said:

"The bombing of the islands of Japan by our new Superfortresses, the B-29, is just a beginning. We will strike at the heart of Japan again and again. The Superfortresses are a product of American labor and industrial genius and are a very tangible example of the partnership existing between those laboring on the home front and the armed forces in the active theaters of war."

RAIL BURDENS ARE GROWING MUCH GREATER

WASHINGTON, June 26. — The strain on the nation's railroads is proving even heavier than anticipated, the Office of War Information said today. Passenger travel on the overburdened carriers increased 25.5 per cent in the first three months of this year over the same period in 1943, whereas official forecasts had indicated a 15 per cent jump.

Business has a habit of interfering with pleasure, especially when there's a game of golf or baseball scheduled.

THE MARCH OF LABOR

THE BOSTON SYMPHONY FOR SEVERAL YEARS THE ONLY NON-UNION ORCHESTRA OF NATIONAL PROMINENCE, HAS SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS.

THE REFUSAL—OR UNWILLINGNESS—OF EMPLOYERS TO PAY LEGAL MINIMUM WAGES IS NOT NEW . . .

WHEN THE MINIMUM WAGE LAW WAS APPLIED IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE IN 1728 THE EMPLOYERS REFUSED TO OBEY THE MAGISTRATE'S ORDERS.

STRONG UNIONS MAKE LABOR LAWS WORK. SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS BY INSISTING ON UNION-LABEL PRODUCTS. THIS IS THE UNION NAT LABEL.

THE CENSUS OF 1930 REVEALED THAT ONLY ONE OUT OF SIX RURAL DWELLINGS HAD RUNNING WATER.

GENERAL EISENHOWER THANKS AM. FED. OF LABOR WORKERS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In response to a cablegram informing Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower that all AFL workers were on the job throughout the country following D-Day and were determined to back up the armed forces to the limit, President William Green received the following cabled reply from the commander of the Allied forces:

FROM HEADQUARTERS SUPREME COMMANDER OF ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCES IN THE EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS TO MR. WILLIAM GREEN, PRESIDENT, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

"UPON BEHALF OF THE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE ARMED FORCES UNDER MY COMMAND, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRIOTIC SUPPORT OF THE GREAT EFFORT TO DESTROY THE FORCES OF OPPRESSION THAT HAVE BEEN TRYING TO SUBJUGATE THE WORLD. YOUR DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE MAXIMUM PRODUCTION WITHOUT STRIKES WILL HEARTEN EVERY MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES." EISENHOWER.

KEEP AMERICA AMERICAN A FOURTH OF JULY CHALLENGE

Ever since I first heard Father Boland use the trenchant phrase which is my text, I have felt that in those three words, properly understood, lies the hope of unity, the expression of that for which we are fighting and the way to achieve the Victory for which we all hope.

Keep America American—this is the defiant challenge of the finest idealism the world has known. It is a clarion call to action in the fight between the forces that would destroy and those which would build man up to his proper stature.

Keep America American—this is no creed of isolationism, no shutting of the gates of the spirit to the problems of the world, no selfish hoarding of our resources of brain and body for the use and comfort alone of those already within our nation.

Keep America American—this does not mean a yardstick of nationality by which to measure our fellow citizens. The yardstick we must use is that of the spirit—an unselfed devotion to the credo that all men are created equal. We are the first self-created People in the world—not segregated by race or creed or color but bound together by a common bond of belief we are ALL entitled to the rights and responsibilities of freedom.

Keep America American—let us never forget that this nation was founded on unity, and that to achieve unity men must act for the good of all, not as self-seeking groups of individuals.

Keep America American—let us preserve our rights by careful usage of them. This country is the land of liberty, not license. Any change must come under the orderly processes of our own laws, not under the sudden whim of any dictator.

Keep America American—let no disunity appear among us. Let us keep the old ideals of opportunity for all, not favors for a privileged few. Let us grant to our neighbor the same rights we claim for ourselves. Let us remember that the cornerstone of the nation is religious liberty, and let us not discriminate against our neighbor because of the faith, the class or the party to which he belongs.

Keep America American—let us stand together and face the world as a united nation, dedicated to the protection and preservation for all men of the self same freedoms of speech and religion, from want and wear, which we intend to keep for ourselves.

AMERICAN HEROES

BY LEFF

Life jacket nearly torn from his body by cross fire from enemy bombers, Clyde Neil Andrews, Second Mate, Merchant Marine, fought back from the bridge of his ship with a .30 caliber machine gun without protective shielding. Later the ship was torpedoed and sunk. With exceptional skill and courage he moved injured men into lifeboats; he wears the Distinguished Service Medal. For men like this buy more War Bonds than ever before.

U. S. Treasury Department

ORNBURN TO BROADCAST JULY 6, ON "UNION LABEL AND WAR PRODUCTION"

WASHINGTON, D. C.—"Union Label—the Emblem of American Standards" will be the subject of a radio address by I. M. Ornburn, secretary-treasurer, Union Label Trades Department, American Federation of Labor, Thursday, July 6, 1944, from 11:15 to 11:30 P. M., E.W.T., over the coast-to-coast network of the Mutual Broadcasting system. The broadcast will originate from Mutual's Station WOL in Washington, D. C.

The Union Label Trades Department urges all members of labor unions, union label leagues and women's auxiliaries to "listen in" on this important broadcast.

UNION LABEL TRADES DEPARTMENT
American Federation of Labor.

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Did you ever hike in mud and slush
Shoe-top deep and have to rush—
With your head bent down and your back most broke—
To beat the enemy to the next big stroke?

Have you heard the sound of sucking mud
As the troops marched on with a heavy thud—
And their feet splashed in and then sucked out
As they hurried on to follow their Scout?

It's the weariest sound in the world, you can bet.
When once you've heard it, you'll never forget
The sound of the mud and the soldiers' feet
As they tramp toward the front through rain and sleet.

It can only be known by those who've trod
Through mud and muck on foreign sod . . .
It gets in your soul and sticks in your ears
You can hear it forever, down through the years.

Grim soldiers who've trudged through mud and snow
Are the only ones who can ever know
The curse of the mud while on their way
To protect our lives in the U. S. A.

JOHN V. BROOKSHIRE,
Spartanburg Branch Mgr., Duke Power Co.,
A. E. F. World War I.