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### STATE A. F. OF L. CONVENTION AT GREENSBORO HEARS “PEPPY TALKS”; GOV. SAYS A “GREAT STATE CAN NOT BE BUILT ON CHEAP WAGES”

GREENSBORO, Aug. 16.—In its second day of convention at King Cotton hotel yesterday, the North Carolina State Federation of Labor heard Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, honorary member of the organization, heard addresses by several international union representatives and adopted a group of resolutions, including one for appointment of a committee which will place before “proper officials and authorities” objectives against the “rank discrimination” toward workers in the state.

Other speakers before luncheon were C. E. Hauray, Washington, international representative of Operating Engineers, who urged the adoption of the resolution concerning “rank discrimination” toward workers in North Carolina some of whom continue “to work from 26 cents to 32 cents an hour even to this day.”

A. F. Valente, president of United Textile Dorkers of America, spoke of the gains of his affiliation in membership during the past year, laying blame for adverse situations to some who have tried to use their positions even as members of the affiliation to exploit textile workers, to the war labor board and the little steel formula.

Representing the brewing industry foundation Mrs. Kress Proctor, of Little Rock, Ark., formerly director of the women and children division of the Arkansas Department of Labor, familiarized delegates with the program of the foundation, particularly its policy of self-regulation for the purpose of maintaining suitable relations with the public.

Joseph V. Tobin, representing the Teamsters union, told of the work carried on by labor league for human rights which he said he donated freely to community chests. Red Cross and other benevolent agencies.

In naming needs of the state, Dr. McDonald included a more balanced and equitable income for farmers in order to eliminate farm competition for industrial labor; improved, more practical education systems; a broad and free franchise.

Other resolutions were for participation of unions and union officials

in the work of “each and every government board, bureau or agency whose activity has bearing on welfare of the working people of the state;” for an organizer to be sent at intervals to Asheville to check on the area in belief that more locals can be organized, for a lightening of rigid examinations that may prohibit employment of a number of physically impaired men and women in the armed forces; for service of labor representatives on all community postwar planning committees to protect labor’s interest, particularly in regard to future construction plans; for commendation of public housing and indorsement of immediate expansion of public housing by Federal, state and municipal governments.

#### HEAR GOV. BROUGHTON

Gov. J. M. Broughton told the labor convention here yesterday that “We can’t build a great North Carolina or a great America industrially on any program of cheap wages” and added that measures were being taken to bring wages in North Carolina up to the national minimum.

The Governor, addressing the meeting in the afternoon, expressed the belief that the South, expanded industrially for wartime needs, has proved its efficiency and that in its reconstruction program a place should be made for men returning from the war with greater technical knowledge than when they left.

He said that among the adjustments that must be made in the industrial South is equalization of freight rates.

### CANDIDATE DEWEY TOO BUSY TO SEND AMERICAN WORKERS A MESSAGE FOR LABOR DAY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The American Federation of Labor said yesterday that its request for a Labor Day message from Governor Thomas E. Dewey had been turned down on the ground that the Republican presidential nominee was too busy.

Philip Pearl, AFL publicist, commented in his weekly column which is distributed to 300 labor newspapers: “Thank you, Governor, but we may be permitted to wonder. And we do wonder how much time Mr. Dewey will be able to spare for labor if and when he is elected President, since he finds himself too busy even as Governor to perform the courtesy of issuing a Labor Day message.”

Pearl said the AFL sent its request to James C. Hagerty, Dewey’s executive assistant, and added: “In making this request we were not asking a favor; we were offering one. Each year at or about this time, the President of the United States makes available advance copies of his labor day message for release in Labor Day editions. In conformity with the

AFL’s non-partisan political policy we thought it would be a good idea to give Governor Dewey an even break with President Roosevelt and run their messages side by side.”

He quoted Hagerty as replying: “due to the pressure under which Governor Dewey is working at the present time, it is just impossible for him to meet the requests that he receives for specially written messages and I am sorry to say that it will not be possible for him to write one at this time.”

Pearl said he wondered “whether Mr. Hagerty considers us naive enough to believe that Governor Dewey prepares his own messages. And we continue to wonder what is keeping the Governor’s talented staff so busy these days.”

### POSTOFFICE CLERKS’ PROGRAM PROMISED SUPPORT BY THE AM. FEDERATION OF LABOR

INDIANAPOLIS.—American Federation of Labor support or the objectives of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks was pledged here by President William Green of the AFL, in addressing the 23rd national convention of the post office clerks organization and the National Women’s Auxiliary.

“The time has come when the double standard for government workers must go,” Green told the convention. “The time has come when government workers must no longer be penalized because they refrain from strikes.”

Permanent salary increases and time and a half for overtime for postal employes, which he declared were long past due, were listed by Green as chief objectives of the postal clerks which the AFL will help in securing.

“We have refused,” President Green added, “to listen to the siren voice of those who would lead us into the by-paths of economic experimentation. We have stuck to the

practical way of life and have refused to listen to philosophies imported into America.”

The convention held its first session with Luther Higbie, president of Local 130, Indianapolis, presiding. Welcome addresses were extended by Gov. Henry F. Schrieker of Indiana; Sidney S. Miller, representing the Mayor of Indianapolis; Adolph Seidensticker, local postmaster; D. R. Barnoco, secretary, Indianapolis Central Labor Union and Carl H. Mullen, president, Indiana Federation of Labor.

Responses were made by President Leo E. George of the post office clerks’ federation and Mrs. Herman H. Lowe, president of the National Woman’s Auxiliary.

### PATTON WILL BE PROMOTED TO LIEUT. - GENERAL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—Early Senate confirmation of the permanent rank of Maj. Gen. for Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., was predicted today

by Senator Chandler, Democrat, Kentucky.

Chandler is chairman of a Nominations Subcommittee of the Senate Military Committee, which previously held up Patton’s promotion because of a soldier slapping incident during the Sicilian campaign.

Patton’s leadership of the American Third Army which has crushed Nazi resistance in Lower Normandy and Brittany was announced today by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower at a Command Post in Normandy.

While disavowing advance knowledge of Patton’s present assignment, Chandler said he had arranged for the full Military Committee to meet today “because I had an inkling that he had something to do with the grand job those tanks have been doing.”

The Kentuckian added that “I think Patton is a great soldier, and I have always thought so, but I thought, too, that he was entitled to some discipline” for the slapping incident.

Patton was singled out for the committee’s censure when his name was passed over in a list of promotions sent to the Senate last October by President Roosevelt.

### JESSE J. KINLEY, ONE OF JOURNAL BOYS, WOUNDED

Cpl. Robert L. Kinley, USMC, was wounded in action on July 2, according to a communication from Lt. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Kinley of 1530 W. Trade St. The nature of the wounds has not been reported.

Cpl. Kinley, 19, has three other brothers in the service and serving overseas, F 3 c Jesse, in the Navy, Pfc. Johnny, with the Infantry in Italy, and Pvt. James, with the Air Force in England. Young Kinley entered the armed forces in 1940, going overseas almost immediately. He was trained at bases at Parris Island, S. C., New River, and Louisiana, Virginia, and California.

Robert Kinley was one of the four Kinley brothers all of whom worked for the Labor Journal at various periods.

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### N. C. STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR RE-ELECTED ITS OLD OFFICERS; 1945 MEETING TO BE AT HIGH POINT

GREENSBORO, Aug. 17.—C. A. Fink of Spencer was unanimously re-elected president and High Point was selected as convention city for 1945 yesterday when the North Carolina State Federation of Labor concluded its three-day annual convention here.

Also re-elected were H. L. Kiser of Charlotte, first vice president; H. G. Fisher of Salisbury, secretary-treasurer; A. E. Brown of Durham, chaplain, and G. B. Cooke of Durham, sergeant at arms.

Elected vice presidents and members of the executive committee were Paul A. Long, Asheville; Dan B. Kelly, Wilmington; Cy Chisholm, Winston-Salem; P. M. Taylor, Durham; R. D. Apple, Greensboro; J. A. Scoggins, Charlotte; Paul Ethridge, Raleigh; F. N. Cuddihy, Salisbury; E. G. Harvey, Pittsboro; James E. Mizelle, Plymouth; J. T. Moss, High Point; R. P. Seamore, Gastonia; C. C. Harris, Morganton. Fred Crews, Durham, Negro, was named vice president at large representing Negroes.

Report by the legislative committee included recommendations for the enactment of law for North Carolina embodying the Principles of the Wagner labor act; the raising of the present State compulsory school attendance limit from 14 to 16 years; a thorough study of State workmen’s compensation law in view of clarifying any discrepancies that now exist in the law; the amending of the unemployment compensation law increasing the number of weeks benefit being paid; the setting of a graduated scale of wage increases for State employes similar to the scale now in effect for teachers; amendment to the State Constitution, to be submitted to vote of the people of the State for increase in pay of North Carolina legislators from \$10 to \$25 per day for a period of 60 days for the regular term; for more rigid enforcement, or if inadequate, for amendment of the law relative to inspection of public eating places and food processing plants.

### CHM. VAN HECKE SEES POSTWAR HEADACHE WHEN “NO-STRIKE” NO-LOCKOUT PLEDGE EXPIRES

GREENSBORO, Aug. 14.—Immediate formation of voluntary mediation boards to “prepare for the day when the war has been won, when the no-strike, no-lockout pledge has expired and when the War Labor board has ceased to exist,” was urged here today by Chairman M. T. Van Hecke of the Fourth Regional War Labor board.

Addressing the annual meeting of the State Federation of Labor, Van Hecke said a regional advisory committee to assist in the formation of such voluntary boards already had been named.

Members are Marion Smith, Atlanta attorney, Preston S. Arkwright, president of the Georgia Power company, George L. Googe, southern representative of the American Federation of Labor, and Charles H. Gillman, regional director of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Van Hecke also urged that southern industrial and labor leaders “ful-

ly expend” the process of collective bargaining before bringing unresolved issues before the labor board for settlement.

Declaring that “the public can never again tolerate strikes, lockouts and other forms of economic or physical force,” Mr. Van Hecke recommended that “immediate steps be taken by leaders of industry and labor, voluntarily, on their own initiative and free from government direction, to develop collective bargaining and the responsibility to the local community for the settlement of labor disputes.”

### EMPLOYER ORDERS CALL FOR 7,109 ESSENTIAL INDUSTRY WORKERS AS OF JULY 31, SAYS DR. DORTON

RALEIGH, Aug. 12.—Employer orders for 7,109 workers in essential industry were on file in the U. S. Employment Service offices of the War Manpower Commission, as of July 31, and for the first time the orders were classified as to the manpower priority ratings of the firms placing the orders, Dr. J. S. Dorton, State MC director, announces.

This figure is not comparable with the number on this composite list, 14,949, at the end of June. During the month of July, Dr. Dorton explains, the earlier list was all cancelled out and the orders are now being built up again to show priority ratings of the firms. The list is expected to approach in number those carried in June by the end of August, when the orders will be renewed.

The July 31 list of 7,109 orders for workers includes 1,206 for firms with the AA manpower priorities

rating, many of them sawmills and lumber plants, while some are cotton textile mills producing highly critical items, in addition to shipbuilding, munitions, machine and other plants.

Plants with A priority need 198 workers, those with B priority have orders for 78 workers and those rated C need 3,429 workers, while essential plants with no priority rating have in orders for 2,198 workers. All of these numbers are expected to increase to an approximate double of the total by the end of August, Dr. Dorton said.

#### I WILL DO MY PART

(By Mona Kene West, an American mother whose son is with the armed forces.)

Starting right now—I will live my life to save a man. All my waking hours I will work for the safety of this man. I need not say to anyone who the man is. It may be a friend or father, husband, brother or son. All that matters is, I shall see him before me as I work. I shall put forth all my effort, as if the life of this man depended on me—alone. As if I alone made the ships, guns, tanks and airplanes he needs, world. As I alone made the ships, guns, tanks and airplanes he needs, That no greedy or selfish act of mine may hamper him. This man—who may be fighting in jungles or drowning in icy seas. This man who is giving his time, his health, his very life for me, This man is counting on me—alone. To this end will I work. I shall not let him down.

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