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OUR WORKERS ARE NOT SLACKING SAY MEN IN POSITION TO KNOW

"VICTORY HOPE OF COMMON MAN," SO SAYS ELMER DAVIS

By ELMER DAVIS,
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There are nations in this world where the term "common people" is used with contempt and condescension. Those nations today, forced to look to the people for national strength, are finding instead a weakness for which they themselves are responsible.

The United States was founded upon the principle of respect and opportunity for the common people. We have constantly sought to improve the lot of our common people. It is from the common people that the United States gains its strength. The courage and the devotion, the versatility and the ingenuity of the common people, in the foxholes and in the factories, has made possible miracles which are proving short cuts to victory.

The fighting is not over yet. The production job is not completed, even though we know today that we shall win.

Instead of relaxing, we must rally all of our strength for a final, crushing blow. The nation is asking of its people that final effort so that we can end this war and return to our normal life of working and planning, so that the common people of tomorrow will be better off than the common people of today.

WAR EFFORT SUCCESS IS CREDITED TO THE WORKERS

By REAR ADM. G. F. HUSSEY, JR., U. S. N.

Chief of Bureau of Ordnance

Since the inception of this war, American labor has been charged with the responsibility of applying its full productive powers to furnish the material necessary for victory. The successes of our armed forces to date reflect the degree to which labor has discharged this obligation.

We know that American labor understands the tremendous task yet to be accomplished and will let nothing interfere with its great contribution to the defeat of our enemies.

LABOR BUILDS GREATEST FLEET IN THE WORLD

By REAR ADM. E. L. COCHRANE, U. S. N.

Chief of Bureau of Ships

The men and women of American industry have built and equipped the largest and most powerful Navy the world has ever known. As our fleet prepares the way for attacks on Berlin and Tokyo, American shipbuilders and industrial workers must be justly proud of their participation in the victories that carry our armed forces to the enemy's door.

Until the final victory is won, every employed American must continue to maintain the superiority of our arms over those of the enemy.

CHURCH WANTS SAME RIGHTS AS THE SALOON GETS

EAST PEORIA, Ill., Aug. 21. — Leaders of St. Peter's Lutheran church congregation of East Peoria appealed today to Representative Dirksen, Republican, of Illinois, to help them overcome the WPB's refusal of a permit for them to build a new church.

The congregation has been without a church building for three years. In this letter to Representative Dirksen, members asserted the WPB had given the green light to distillers to make whisky and had granted remodeling permits to Peoria saloons and night clubs but apparently there was no labor to "build a sanctuary of God."

TYP. AUXILIARY IS TO MEET WITH MRS. CARRIKER

A meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, Charlotte Typographical Union, No. 338, will be held Monday night, August 28, at the home of Mrs. H. F. Carriker, No. 2549 East Seventh Street. As business of importance is to be transacted it is desired that there be a full attendance.

The history of socialism may be found written in the epitaphs of the socialist colonies that had short lives and then died.

MONTGOMERY-WARD CATALOGS BIG AID IN THE "SCRAP" DRIVE

CHICAGO—In case Sewell Avery wonders why his Montgomery Ward business has gone down more than nine per cent during the first five months of this year, while his rival Sears Roebuck, has gone up 11.7 per cent in the same time, here's a clue from the heart of the mail-order belt.

From Kingfisher, Oklahoma, a Farmers Union Local has sent this letter to the union-hater president of Montgomery Ward:

Dear Sir: We, the Farmers' union have approximately 250 members in this county. We are gathering up all the Montgomery Ward catalogues we can get hold of and putting them in the scrap drive. Have already picked up 175 catalogues and will see that your next issue of the catalogue is altogether devoted to this worthy cause. Our country needs the paper. Please send more catalogues down here.

"This patriotic plan," says an official of an AFL Department Store Employees Union "deserves to be initiated by other mail-order patrons around the country."

ASBESTOS CLOTH WORKERS ARE NEEDED BADLY

WASHINGTON. — About 1,000 more workers must be recruited to meet increased war requirements for asbestos cloth and roving used for insulation in ships, tanks, planes, shells, and other war equipment, WMC reports. Women can fill about half of the jobs.

The asbestos plants where more workers are needed are located in Downey, Calif.; Cicero, Ill.; Huntington, Ind.; Charlotte, N. C.; Charleston, S. C.; Manville, N. J.; Palmyra, N. Y.; Ambler, Pa., and Manheim, Pa.

JAPS GUESSED THIS ONE WRONG

The Japs apparently figured that the rainy season from mid-May until late August would retard the Allied advance in Burma. The Japs made a "gross miscalculation," the Chungking radio said, inasmuch as the Allied capture of Myitkyina by Allied forces occurred at the height of the monsoon season, when the Nipponese, assuming the Allies couldn't "take" the monsoons may have diverted the "main part" of their forces to the eastern sector of China.

The world has been preaching hate and discontent and discord, and now it is reaping a harvest of blood.

JOHN LEWIS' LOCAL DID NOT NAME HIM AS A "DELEGATE"

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Pres. John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers lost the indorsement of his own Local 764 when it backed his opponent, Ray Edmundson, who recently resigned as president of District 12 to go back on the job as a coal miner and to campaign against the miners' president.

The Springfield local refused to name Lewis as one of its three delegates to the Cincinnati convention in September, but named Edmundson instead.

A TWO-MONTH EXPENDITURE 13TH AIR FORCE

WASHINGTON.—During one two-month period, according to the War Department, the U. S. 13th Air Force B-25 Mitchell medium bomber squadron in the South Pacific expended the following Army Ordnance ammunition: 2,000,000 pounds of bombs and explosives, 300,000 rounds of machine gun ammunition, and 1,000 cannon shells.

CITIZENS SHOULD "LAY IN FUEL OIL" IS WARNING

WASHINGTON. — Household, apartment and business building owners and all others needing fuel oil for coming fall and winter months should lay in a supply now "while deliveries can still be made," ODT Director J. Monroe Johnson warns.

"The shortage of tank cars, scarcity of tank trucks and almost total lack of heavy-duty tires have combined to create a national crisis in petroleum transportation," Colonel Johnson said. "Meanwhile military demands for aviation gasoline and other petroleum products are mounting."

WORKERS ARE PREPARING FOR THE KNOCKOUT BLOW, — DAVIS

By WILLIAM H. DAVIS
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On the eve of victory, the American worker faces a tremendous individual responsibility to see that there is no slackening in the nation's productive efforts.

Military authorities have called for great increases in heavy production, in trucks, ammunition, the giant B-29 bombers, and certain types of shipping. It is imperative that we meet these needs.

Labor and management in America already have performed prodigious tasks in this war. They have met the production test in the American way—by rolling up their sleeves and turning out a job that amazed both our allies and our enemies.

No man could be a pessimist in the face of America's production record. But the most dangerous thing that could happen to our war effort at this critical time would be for the nation—or any part of it—to become too optimistic.

This is the last moment to slow down in your efforts. It is the moment for the knockout blow.

So I call upon every worker, and every other American, to bend his or her efforts to meet and exceed military needs. With victory within our grasp, we must not relax.

RADFORD, VA. IS NOW A "POWDER TOWN"

RADFORD, Va.—This little Virginia town has been blown up. Millions of dollars has been spent by Hercules Powder Co., to manufacture explosive for the government and thousands of workmen have been employed, until the town is about ten times its prewar size.

A. F. OF L. UNIONS AT STATESVILLE WINS BARGAINING RIGHTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—The National Labor Relations board yesterday certified the International Moulders and Foundry Workers union (AFL) as collective bargaining agency for the employees of the Turner Manufacturing company of Statesville, N. C. In a recent election 26 votes were cast for the union and eight against.

A THIRD OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ENGAGED IN SHIPBUILDING

WASHINGTON.—Of the 5,058,700 Federal employes in April, the U. S. Department of Labor reports that 1,199,700 were employed in private shipyards, 331,200 in Navy yards, and 139,000 were on construction.

FLASH:—A TELEGRAM RECEIVED LATE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON ANNOUNCED THAT CHARLOTTE WON OUT AS THE I. T. U. CONVENTION CITY FOR 1945—AND, ARE THE BOYS HAPPY?

I. T. U. CONVENTION IS INVITED TO HOLD THEIR 1945 MEETING IN "QUEEN CITY OF THE SOUTH"

The International Typographical Union, now holding its convention at Grand Rapids, Mich., has been invited to hold its 1945 meeting at Charlotte. The invitation was extended by Typographical Union No. 338, Charlotte Central Labor Union, the Chamber of Commerce, the City of Charlotte through Mayor Herbert H. Baxter, the Charlotte Labor Journal, and others.

This is a stupendous undertaking for Local No. 338, but the boys feel equal to the task, with the aid of the Typographical locals throughout the state.

The Typographical Union, one of the oldest in America, and a co-founder of the A. F. of L., has a membership of around 100,000 of highly skilled craftsmen. There are usually around 400 delegates from the U. S. and Canada, along with approximately 2,000 visitors from all over the country.

The invitation was extended by C. J. Pridgen, president of the Charlotte Typographical Union, and Howard L. Beatty, president of the Carolinas Typographical conference which embodies Virginia, North and South Carolina and the District of Columbia.

The Journal believes the holding of this meeting in Charlotte will do much to help forward the organization campaign which is now on and will be continued throughout 1945, when it is hoped "this man's war" will be over.

PRINTERS IN GOV'T PRINTING OFFICE ARE FIGHTING FOR PAY INCREASE, WANT 10 PER CENT, FIRST SINCE 1926

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Printing trades unions in the Government Printing Office appear assured of a wage-increase of at least 10 per cent—the first since 1926.

The public printer offered 10 per cent and the pressmen, bookbinders, photoengravers, electricians, and machinists have accepted. Printers, however, are holding out for the full 15 per cent permissible under the War Labor Board's Little Steel formula.

Committees representing the trades have been negotiating with the public printer for several years, and until last week were able to get nowhere. Even an appeal to the Joint Committee on Printing, which governs the GPO, brought no results.


Two weeks ago, however, the public printer offered the printers a 5 per cent increase, which Typographical Union 101 rejected, and later Woodruff Randolph, new president of the International Typographical Union, at the request of local officers, came here, and conferred with Public Printer Giegengack.

Following his conference Giegengack offered the binders and pressmen 10 per cent, and at special meetings this was accepted, and the printers were then offered the same increase.

The public printer, who is a member of the ITU, up to this time has insisted that wages in the GPO are high enough and that the tradesmen are entitled to no increase. Columbia Typographical Union at a meeting two weeks ago authorized expenditures of \$10,000 in a publicity campaign to expose the controversy, and while no money has been spent it appears that the action has brought results.

"BRAVERY ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH" without knowledge is to be only half prepared. If you have been employed in the factory or on the farm this summer . . . you should plan to go back to high school this fall. We in the Marine Corps feel you can best serve your nation and your fellow men at school, now, building the sound mind in the sound body.

THE MARCH OF LABOR



DURING THE FIRST HALF-CENTURY AFTER INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION BEGAN IN ENGLAND AND AMERICA, EMPLOYERS ADOPTED FOR THEIR WORKERS THE WORK DAY OF AGRICULTURE AND HANDICRAFT PRODUCTION—SUNUP TO SUNDOWN.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT TO PLAY AN ACTIVE PART IN SECURING A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF A STRIKE WHEN HE BROUGHT PRESSURE ON THE MINE OPERATORS IN THE MINE WORKERS STRIKE OF 1902.

UNEMPLOYMENT AT THE DEPTH OF THE DEPRESSION IN 1933 TOTALLED ALMOST 14 MILLION, ABOUT 40% OF AMERICAN WAGE WORKERS.

YOUR GUARANTEE OF QUALITY IN A HAT—MADE UNDER FAIR WORKING CONDITIONS—THE UNION LABEL

WAVES AT PLAY



OFFICIAL U. S. NAVY PHOTOGRAPHS

WAVES have time for fun, too, and enjoy a variety of sports at Naval stations. Here are three typical scenes of "WAVES at Play." Above, two yeomen—Ellen and Nancy Grivana, sisters, of Minneapolis—strive for the elusive "300" on the alleys at the Naval Training Center at San Diego, Calif. At the right, Justine Sue Johnson, a pharmacist's mate, who was a member of the National Essex Archers team and who now is the No. 1 Diana at the San Diego Center, is shown practicing on the excellent archery range there. Below, the sliding runner appears safe as Yeoman Mary Helen Watson of Dallas, Texas, eagerly awaits the ball during a soft-ball game at the Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi. "The Story of You in Navy Blue" available at Navy Recruiting Stations and Offices of Naval Officer Procurement, is chockful of information about the WAVES for young women between 20 and 36.