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LABOR UNIONS TO HELP PUBLICIZE PRICES; THREE OBJECTIVES OF JOINT PROGRAM GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC

WASHINGTON—Labor unions are cooperating in a campaign undertaken by leading national grocer associations and consumer organizations to improve compliance with ceiling prices, OPA reveals.

Grocers and consumers are cooperating to improve the posting of ceiling prices to stimulate use of price lists by consumers, and to encourage grocers and their customers to talk more frankly and freely about ceiling prices, OPA said.

Some housewives, according to OPA, have failed to discuss prices with their grocers either because of insufficient knowledge of their rights and responsibilities or because of fear of embarrassment or petty reprisals. Under the joint grocer-consumer program, they will be urged to feel this is the thing to do. Housewives are being urged to insist upon seeing the ceiling prices posted prominently in stores to report uncorrected or repeated overcharges to the

price panels or local War Price and Rationing Boards, and to volunteer as price panel assistants.

Objectives of the joint program are:

1. To focus public attention on the fact that a critical period in the fight to control the cost of living lies just ahead.

2. To improve the display of ceiling price lists in grocery stores to the place that all customers can read them easily.

3. To emphasize that both the consumer and the grocer have urgent reasons for working together to win a fight against inflation and post-war economic chaos, and for looking upon it as an individual and community responsibility.

AM. FEDERATION OF TEACHERS DOES NOT FAVOR COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING FOR YOUTH

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Commission on Education Reconstruction of the American Federation of Teachers, meeting at the American Federation of Labor headquarters in Washington last week, took action strongly favoring an adequate program of national defense, but opposing any hasty or ill-considered action to set up compulsory military training for youth in the post-war world. The Commission, which is headed by Dr. Floyd Reeves, who served as Director of the non-governmental American Youth Commission of the American Council on Education, pointed out in a communication to President Roosevelt that, while the Commission strongly favors whatever measures may be necessary to the national defense, it is convinced that the nature of those measures cannot be determined at this time. The Commission further pointed out that the requirements of national defense following the war will depend on the character of international as well as national development after the conclusion of the conflict. The Commission urged that a commission of outstanding persons representing the army and navy, veteran organizations, educational organizations, labor, management, agriculture, and the public at large be appointed to inquire fully into the question of a national compulsory service act for youth and to make recommendations.

FREE LABOR WILL WIN
WORK — FIGHT — SAVE

A NON-PARTISAN MESSAGE

Congratulations to the millions of American workers responsible for the record-breaking increase in registration in the industrial centers of the nation!

You have now done half your duty as patriotic American citizens.

The other half of the job still remains to be completed. That is to go to the polls on Nov. 7 and cast your vote.

The American Federation of Labor is fully confident that the workers of the nation will not leave their duty as citizens half-done. It relies and counts upon its seven million members to get out on Election Day and roll up the largest labor vote in the history of America.

Only in that way can the friends of labor be elected and the enemies of labor defeated. Only in that way can the interests of the nation's workers be protected in the critical post-war days ahead. Only in that way can our American democracy be fortified and preserved.

Your vote is the power behind America. Don't let your country down!

POST-WAR HOUSING NEEDS PLACED AT 12,600,000 NON-FARM HOMES APARTMENT UNITS ARE NECESSARY

WASHINGTON—Construction of 12,600,000 non-farm houses and apartment units will be required in the first ten years after the war to meet the needs of American families and to make substantial strides in replacing substandard structures with good homes, NHA estimates.

The estimate, according to NHA Administrator John B. Blandford, Jr., is "an earnest effort to judge the size of the nation's housing needs—not an announcement of a program." Blandford said replacement of all substandard structures would require 16,100,000 units in all, but NHA figures were based on the assumption that replacement would be spread over a 20-year period.

The suggested goal of 1,260,000 units a year during the first post war decade is 300,000 units above any year in the past, Blandford said.

The nation's biggest residential year (1925) produced about 930,000 new units. An annual average of 700,000 was recorded from 1920 to 1929.

NHA's estimate takes into account the following needs: (1) normal increase in families and migration from farms—4,100,000; (2) married service men's households to be established or reestablished—1,400,000; (3) removals of married couples living with other families—700,000; plus a margin of vacancies, and a ten-year replacement requirement of 6,300,000.

FLY A BOMB TO BERLIN—PUT
10 PERCENT OF PAY IN WAR
BONDS.

1/4 MILLION STAR-SPANGLED BABES HERE—200,000 ARE ON THE WAY

A quarter of a million star-spangled babies are already in Uncle Sam's tow and another 200,000 are on their way. These are the sons and daughters of his fighting men. They are being cared for under the emergency maternity and infant-care program. The figures were announced by Katharine F. Lenroot, Chief of the Children's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor, which allots the money to State health departments that administer the program.

The cost of the birth of these babies is being paid out of moneys appropriated by Congress for the purpose, and Uncle Sam continues to stand by in case the youngsters themselves need medical or hospital care during their first year of life. These bills, too, are paid from the EMIC appropriation, and sometimes, when serious illnesses occur or operations are needed, the costs run high.

These newcomers represent all races and all nationalities, everywhere in the country. Some women have had their second baby under the EMIC program, which is now in its nineteenth month of operation. Further information about the EMIC program can be obtained from State or local health departments.

PRODUCE FOR VICTORY

THE JOURNAL has by far the largest city circulation of any weekly published in Charlotte. Your ad in The Journal will bring results from the workers.

TO WIN THE WAR SOONER
LET US ALL WORK HARDER
THERE ARE NO UNIONS OR ANY OTHER FREE INSTITUTIONS UNDER NAZI OR JAP RULE.

UNEMPLOYMENT HITS NEW LOW; "THERE NEVER HAVE BEEN FEWER PEOPLE LOOKING FOR WORK" THAN IN SEPT. SAYS SEC. LABOR PERKINS

WASHINGTON—In spite of a general decline in nonagricultural employment in the past year, and some decrease in agricultural employment, "there have never been fewer people looking for work than in September," Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins stated in reporting the total nonagricultural employment in September.

Nonagricultural establishments had 38,559,000 employees in September, 181,000 less than in August, the secretary said.

She pointed out that about 2,000,000 men have gone into the armed services since September, 1943, without a corresponding increase in the total labor force.

"Thus unemployment as well as employment is lower than it was a year ago," she said. Nonagricultural establishments have lost about 1,119,000, she reported, adding that increases in productivity have made it possible to maintain munitions production at needed levels with a smaller work force.

PRES. TOBIN TO SPEAK FRIDAY P. M. OVER NBC

President Tobin of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters will speak on a Nation-wide hook-up, National Broadcasting Company, Friday night, November 3rd, from 9 to 9:30 P. M., Eastern War Time. We would appreciate your giving mention of this in your news columns as it will be of tremendous interest to Labor—D. N. C.

WLB APPROVES TIME OFF WITH PAY SO WORKERS MAY VOTE NOV. 7

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The National War Labor Board has given its official approval to the extension of time off with pay to workers so that they can have full opportunity to vote on Election Day.

The board's resolution follows: "Employers who grant their employees time off on election day to vote, without deduction from pay, will not be considered to have granted wage or salary increases in violation of the wage stabilization program."

HOW TO VOTE

(By JOHN H. CURTIN)

Before I tell you the BEST way to vote, which of course is MY way, I warn you against political arguments. They teach only one thing! You talk sense; anyone who disagrees with you talks nonsense!

Do not try to remove by force all crooks and halfwits in office now. There are too many of them. By the time you could finish your cleanup drive, the polls would be closed, preventing you from voting—even for an HONEST man!

If you have discovered this is your country, too, because you build and create, fight the wars and hurry home and help pay for them, you may not like decisions which call "unconstitutional" an attempted curb on wartime profits, and use a "little STEAL formula" to thwart wage increases. You might even perceive that one is as "unconstitutional" as the other!

Another pet peeve may be those candidates who "confess," mind you, they were once working men. They are photographed riding up front with the engineer or shaking hands with some obviously embarrassed shop employee. They are still "working" men!

It is true that William Graham Sumner, then professor of political and social science at Yale, said in 1910: "The forgotten man works and votes; generally he prays; but his chief business in life is to pay." But it is also true that the "forgotten man" remembers the breadlines, the corner apple salesmen, and something that was always "just around the corner."

For "the laborer IS worthy of his hire," especially when he labors for his fellowmen. So, if you judge all candidates for public office by their ability and willingness to labor for their fellowmen, you will know "how to vote."

By the way, I see where "young man" Dewey is trying to get "Old Man" Roosevelt's job. Do you suppose the young man has secured an availability slip?

THE MARCH OF LABOR

THE FIRST 8-HOUR-DAY LAW FOR CHILD WORKERS WAS ENACTED IN ILLINOIS IN 1903.

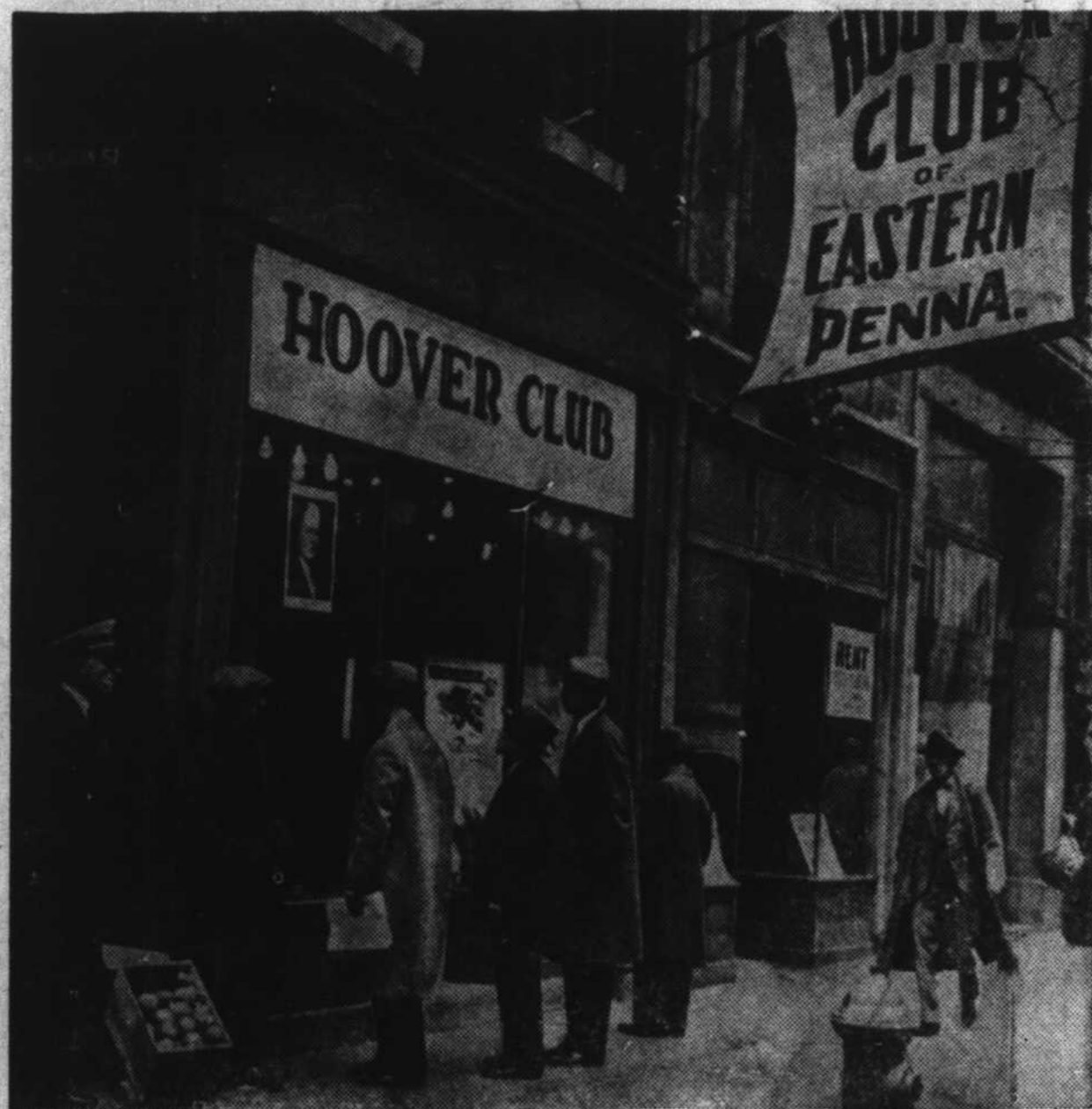
A FEW STATES HAVE LAWS STIPULATING THAT NO EMPLOYER SHOULD KNOWINGLY EMPLOY ANY WOMEN 2 WEEKS BEFORE CHILD-BIRTH.

YOU HELP ORGANIZED LABOR IN ITS NEVER-ENDING FIGHT FOR DECENT LEGISLATION. LOOK FOR THE UNION LABEL WHEN SHOPPING. THIS IS THE UNION LABEL IN MEN'S HATS.

ARMED FORCES JUMPED FROM 800,000 IN 1940 TO ALMOST ELEVEN MILLION IN 1943.

BACK OUR BOYS—BUY BONDS REGULARLY!

Lest We Forget



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REMEMBER—the only independent business men ever put out of business by the New Deal were the apple sellers. They returned to work and built a stronger, better America.