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### 100 A. F. OF L. LEADERS ON BOARDS TO RAISE "FREE TRADE" UNION FUNDS—MILLION DOLLAR JAN. DRIVE

NEW YORK—More than 100 leaders of the American Federation of Labor, including President William Green and Secretary-Treasurer George Meany will serve on boards of the Free Trade Union Committee, Matthew Woll, Vice-President of the AFL and chairman of the Committee, announces.

The national leaders will administer the funds to be raised during the Free Trade Union Committee's \$1,000,000 January drive to aid in rebuilding free, democratic trade unions in Europe, Asia, South and Central America.

National officers of the Committee, which is part of the AFL's official relief arm, the Labor League for Human Rights, are William Green, honorary chairman, George Meany, honorary secretary, and Matthew Woll, chairman. The Hon. Jeremiah T. Mahoney will serve as treasurer.

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD NAMED

In addition, there will be a Finance Committee of five headed by President Green which will review and supervise all disbursements of the Fund as recommended by the Executive Board.

Serving on the finance committee with Mr. Green will be George Meany, Matthew Woll, David Dubinsky, and

E. E. Milliman, Maintenance of Way Employees.

The work of the Committee will be carried out by an Executive Board of sixteen members, headed by Matthew Woll as chairman.

Other members of this Board are David Dubinsky, International Ladies Garment Workers Union; G. M. Bugniet, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; Harvey W. Brown, International Association of Machinists.

#### ADDITIONAL COMMITTEEMEN

Also serving on this Board will be Michael J. Cashal, International Brotherhood of Teamsters; William Collins, the AFL's regional director in the New York area; Martin P. Durkin, Plumbers and Steamfitters; Edward Flore, Hotel and Restaurant Employees; Richard Grey, Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL; Charles W. Hansen, Carpenters District Council of New York State.

### LABOR DRAFT SEEMS HEADED FOR DEFEAT—WM. GREEN LEADS THE FIGHT ON COMPULSION

Text of President William Green's statement opposing renewed demands for national service legislation follows:

"Throughout the war period, the American Federation of Labor and its members have demonstrated their willingness and desire to do everything possible to increase production and promote the war effort.

The results prove the soundness of the fundamental American principle that free labor is more efficient and more productive than slave labor. In no country where compulsory service is exacted from the people can the production record match ours.

"Organizations of American industry and agriculture have joined with labor in opposing compulsory service because of a deep conviction that it would not be practical or helpful to the war effort.

"Labor still is reluctant to approve or support national service legislation which provides for compulsion.

"We doubt the need for such legislation. We fear that it will create confusion, adversely affect morale and hinder the smooth functioning of the war production program.

"Enactment of such legislation cannot increase the manpower supply so we believe it will promote effective use of available manpower.

"On the other hand, it may result in decreased efficiency and lower individual production.

"The better course to pursue would be to seek ways and means by which we can improve utilization of the available manpower supply through voluntary methods. Labor will cooperate to the fullest extent in facilitating the transfer of workers from non-essential industries to critical war plants."

### FLORIDA LABOR LAW "ON ICE" UNTIL COURT TEST - LABOR FOES ARE BLOCKED IN CALIFORNIA

ENFORCEMENT OF BAN AGAINST UNION SHOPS HELD UP BY STATE OFFICIAL

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—State Attorney General Tom Watson announced he would not attempt to enforce the recently adopted State Constitutional Amendment banning the union shop until the measure is tested in the courts.

The labor-baiting state official said he would not undertake prosecutions under the amendment because he had discovered that a bona-fide difference of opinion exists "in the minds of citizens in and out of organized labor regarding the operations and legal status" of the amendment.

What Watson did not reveal, however, was that he had made unsuccessful efforts in Washington to induce Federal agencies to go along with him in his anti-union drive.

He wanted them to agree that the Florida law, and the desires of the foes of labor in that state, were above the government's war-time powers in settling labor disputes. Their response was an emphatic negative.

As a result of this Watson pulled in his horse when he got back here and let it be known he would "not force the issue" on the new law until the courts had ruled on it.

He declared he was convinced the measure was valid, but apparently was none too confident about being able to prove so on his own, because he launched a campaign for funds to hire private lawyers to help in the litigation.

NEW DRIVE FOR OPEN SHOP FAILS WHEN CITIZENS REFUSE TO SIGN

SAN FRANCISCO.—A new anti-union drive to outlaw the union shop in California has collapsed because of the failure to interest enough citizens to sign petitions to get the proposed measure on a referendum ballot in 1945.

The abortive anti-labor legislation was proposed by the "Women of the Pacific," a reactionary organization seeking to mask its evil purposes by hiding behind women's skirts.

The organization will continue collecting signatures, however, under plans to bring the measure before the Legislature in 1947.

An anti-closed shop initiative was defeated at the November 7 election 1,894,589 to 1,304,418, but those soldier ballots which were counted separately showed a ratio of more than 2 to 1 in favor of the measure.

The measure proposed by The Women of the Pacific is more drastic than the one on the 1944 ballot. It would only end the compulsory closed shop in the State, but would require that all officers of labor organizations be American citizens and residents of the State for at least a year, would compel unions to have "secret" elections by ballot, would require them to make public annual financial statements and would prohibit officers from using union funds for political purposes "unless first approved in great particularity or detail by secret ballot votes of a majority of all members."

### OLD AGE INSURANCE NOW PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR 39 MILLION PERSONS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—More than 39,000,000 American men and women will enter 1945 with insured status in the old-age and survivors insurance program of the Social Security Act, according to a year-end summary of operations presented by Arthur J. Altmeyer, Chairman of the Social Security Board.

Under the old-age and survivors insurance program, the monthly benefit rolls rose to 1,120,000 men, women and children, eligible to receive \$20,500,000 monthly. The figures were estimated as of December 31.

Monthly benefit payments were awarded to 324,000 new applicants during the year, and lump-sum benefits were made to 208,000 survivors of insured workers who left no one immediately entitled to monthly benefits. The estimated total of old-age and survivors insurance payments certified for 1944 was \$196,100,000 in monthly benefits and \$22,400,000 in lump sums.

More than 60 per cent of the monthly beneficiaries are women and children, counting some women who have retired and claimed benefits in their own right, rather than on account of a retired or deceased husband.

Wage credits towards future benefits were earned during the year by 48,000,000 workers for themselves and their families, and the total of persons with some wages credited to their accounts is now approximately 70,000,000. New accounts were set up during 1944 for 4,500,000 workers.

Sharp cutbacks, if accompanied by widespread lay-offs of older workers, Altmeyer said, could practically double the benefit rolls within a year. More than 700,000 men and women past age 65 are in fully insured status and have not claimed benefits but could do so any day.

### YOUR UNCLE SAM NEEDS HELP BUY WAR BONDS

KNOWLEDGE OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN "God grant that not only the love of liberty, but a thorough knowledge of the rights of man may pervade all the nations of the earth so that a philosopher may set his foot anywhere and say, 'This is my country.'" —Benjamin Franklin.

THE MARGIN BETWEEN FREEDOM AND SLAVERY FOR LABOR MAY BE TEN PERCENT



I. M. Orsburn, Secretary-Treasurer, Label Trades Department, A. F. of L.

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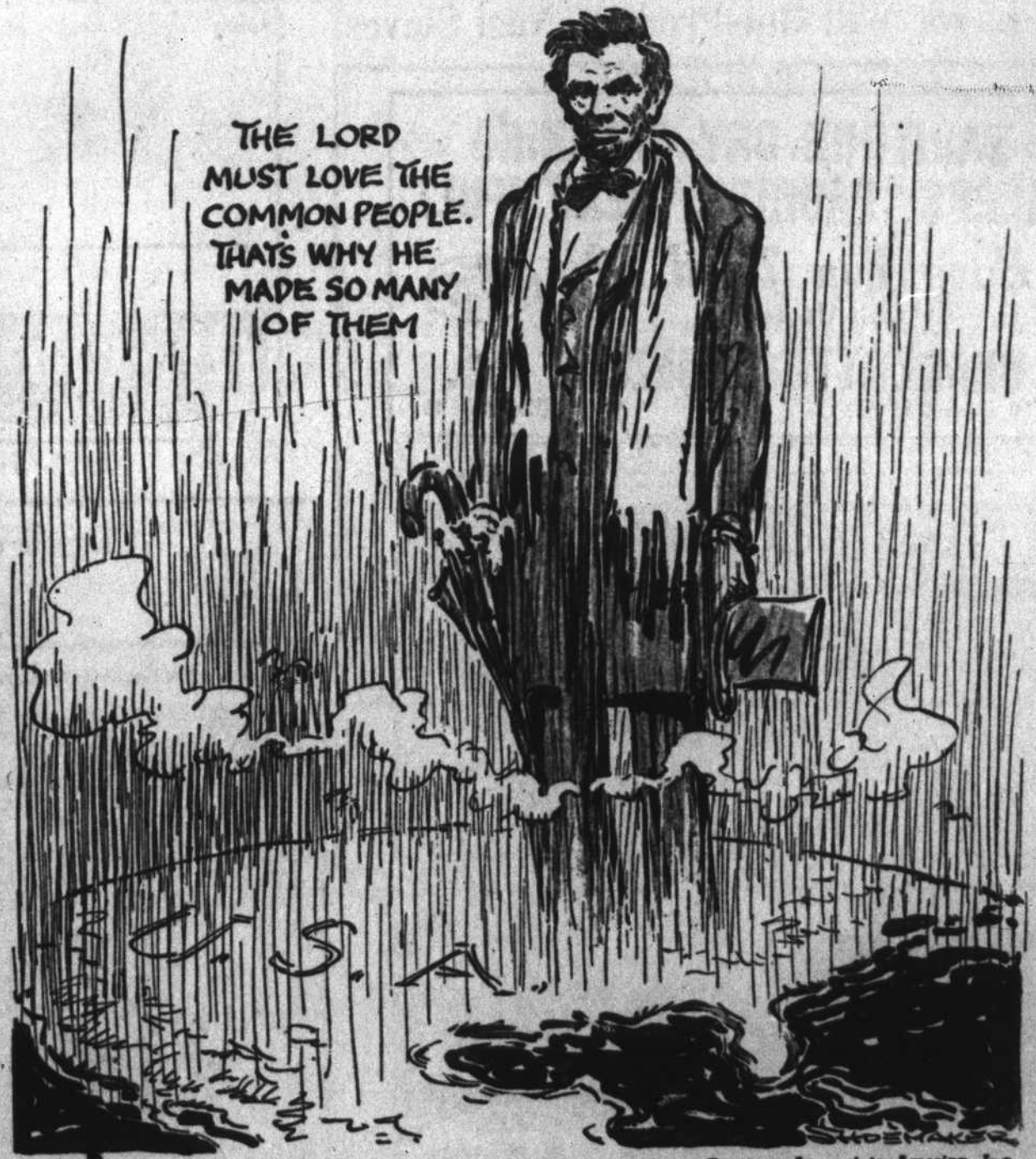
American flame-thrower mounted on tank in action against German fortifications along the Nazi western frontier. War Bonds buy these effective victory-makers. Buy more Bonds. — S. Treasury Department

### AUXILIARY OF TYPO. TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT

Woman's Auxiliary, No. 107, to Charlotte Typographical Union No. 338, will meet Monday night, January 22nd at 7:45 o'clock at the home of Mrs. E. G. Cleaver, 1609 Scott Avenue. Mrs. Harry Boate will be co-hostess. All members are urged to attend.

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