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KEEP FAITH WITH THEM! BUY MORE WAR BONDS

VOL. XIV.—No. 41 YOUR ADVERTISEMENT IN THE JOURNAL IS A GOOD INVESTMENT CHARLOTTE, N. C., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1945 JOURNAL ADVERTISERS DESERVE CONSIDERATION OF THE READERS \$2.00 Per Year

THE CHARLOTTE LABOR JOURNAL ADVOCATES LOYALTY TO THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR; PROMOTION OF INDUSTRIAL PROSPERITY, AND CO-OPERATION OF ALL WORKERS ALONG EVERY LINE.

### WAR PRODUCTION IN EXCELLENT SHAPE—BLAME FOR "LAGGING" SAID TO BE "POOR PLANNING"

MIAMI.—Termining the general war production picture "excellent," the AFL Executive Council blamed such shortages as still exist in critical munitions on poor planning by military authorities plus changing and increased requirements made necessary by new military and strategic developments. "It is not fair to castigate industry and labor for shortcomings," the Council declared, "when production plans and requirements are changed overnight by the authorities."

The Council declared that several items of war production, which were "cut back" a year ago by order of the War and Navy Departments are now scarce again. Production schedules have been doubled and tripled without advance warning to overcome these shortages and then official announcements are made that production is lagging "behind schedule," the Council charged.

"The Executive Council submits that no law short of a magic wand could keep war production in pace with schedules arrived at on such a basis," a formal statement said.

"We are convinced that if the War and Navy Departments will outline their needs clearly to labor and industry and submit production schedules with some advance notice, the workers and employers of America will produce the goods on time and ahead of time—as they have consistently done in the past. The situation calls for intelligent planning and effective cooperation, not hysteria and confusing forced-labor experiments."

"Labor recognizes its primary wartime responsibility of producing in full measure the equipment needed by our armed forces to crush the enemy. The Executive Council wishes to reiterate at this time that the members of the American Federation of Labor are determined to fulfill this responsibility come what may."

### A. F. OF L. OFFICIALS ASK FULL SUPPORT OF LABOR IN DRIVE FOR RED CROSS

NEW YORK.—Leaders of the American Federation of Labor, representing seven million working men and women, give unqualified endorsement to the 1945 Red Cross drive opening March 1. This year the Red Cross will ask the American people to raise \$200,000,000 to carry out its huge program of securing blood plasma, for nurses, for war prisoners' aid, recreation for convalescent fighting service men, and for continuation of its extensive home services.

A. F. of L. President William Green emphasizes, "The American Red Cross will continue to have the full support of the American Federation of Labor, particularly in its appeal for funds to continue its work in this crucial time."

"The Red Cross represents all the American people in its world-wide operations, serving our sons and daughters in uniform wherever they are, bringing relief to war victims of other lands, and standing ready at all times to succor those in need at home and abroad."

George Meany, A. F. of L. Secretary-Treasurer declares: "With full realization of the tremendous tasks which the American Red Cross must fulfill in this war period, it is imperative that all Internationals, State Federations, Central Labor Unions, Local Unions, and individual members in the American Federation of Labor concentrate their forces through the Labor League for Human Rights to meet our obligations to this great organization."

Matthew Woll, President of the Labor League for Human Rights, speaking in behalf of the March drive: "The American Red Cross has always had the year-around cooperation of the American Federation of Labor. A. F. of L. members have supported all the vital Red Cross services which daily minister to the needs and comforts of a people at war. In this year's Red Cross appeal, I know the members of the A. F. of L. through the Labor League for Human Rights, will again do their share and more."

Supplementing the endorsement of these three leaders, all other National and International officials in the A. F. of L. indicate they will bend every effort to make the 1945 campaign successful.

Since early in December National and International Unions, State Federations of Labor, Central Bodies and Local Unions have had the services and counsel of regional directors of the A. F. of L.'s Labor League for Human Rights in preparing for the coming drive. With campaign time rapidly approaching, March 1 will find American Federation of Labor units throughout the country well prepared to raise their share of the \$200,000,000 quota to carry on the humane, vital tasks of the American Red Cross.

### LEWIS' COAL MINERS NOT IN AFL; EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ADJOURNS ITS WINTER MEET WITHOUT ACTION

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 17.—John L. Lewis was still outside the American Federation of Labor yesterday but he couldn't miss the main entrance if he followed the signs. The AFL Executive Council adjourned its mid-Winter sessions last night with the declaration by President William Green that negotiations toward bringing the United Mine Workers back to the Federation had failed for the time being.

Most of the ten-day discussions were about Lewis and the terms by which he could be re-admitted to the AFL, which he left more than eight years ago.

The Council unanimously voted to bring the miners back into the fold "with all the rights and privileges of affiliation enjoyed by all organizations," but it added gratuitously that "such re-affiliation carries with it assumption of the obligations ordinarily attached to affiliation."

This latter proviso would require Lewis to wait his turn to get back on the Council—the stumbling block to re-entry at the mid-Winter meeting. **CONDITION IMPOSED**

Green said Lewis had imposed the condition at the last moment, in a letter Sunday, that the miners would return only if they were represented on the all-powerful Council of fifteen members.

This was because, Green suggested, the Council is the tribunal in jurisdictional disputes between AFL unions, and Lewis' non-mining District 50 would be certain to provoke some of these.

Green said the failure to reach a satisfactory understanding at the meeting which concluded last night "disposes of the matter at this time."

He said the next move would be up to Lewis. The mine chief would have to withdraw his stipulation for Council membership, which the Council was not empowered to guarantee him, Green said. No arrangements for a meeting with Lewis were in the making, he said.

Other obstacles in the path to reconciliation had been removed, Green said.

### WORK-OR-JAIL BILL HAS BEEN PUT ON "SHELF"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The Senate military committee shelved the work-or-jail bill yesterday despite a new endorsement by President Roosevelt and began perfecting a much milder substitute.

The 12 to 6 vote to lay aside the House-approved measure in favor of the substitute which would strengthen the War Manpower Commission's present job placement program was taken shortly after the committee was handed a memorandum from the President.

Dated February 11 and presented to the committee by Majority Leader A. B. Ripley, it read: "I hope that legislation embracing the principle of the May bill can be speedily enacted. It will assure the armed services they can rely on the flow of necessary supplies and greatly contribute to the success of our arms."

The House passed the May bill several weeks ago shortly after its enactment was urged by Mr. Roosevelt.

What we do today is important to the rest of our life.

### DETROIT RED CROSS DEPENDS ON THE UNIONS

WASHINGTON.—Labor's support of the Red Cross was lauded by an authority on community social services here last week.

Mrs. Agnes E. Meyer, wife of the publisher of the "Washington Post" and author of a recent book on wartime social needs, wrote in the "Post" that about 20 per cent of Red Cross funds in Detroit come from AFL and CIO unions and that the city's champion blood donor is a labor man.

### FIREMEN WILL CURTAIL DANCES DUE TO CURFEW

One of the first enterprises to be abolished because of the midnight curfew regulations which are being instituted as a war measure by War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes is the weekly round dance of the Charlotte fire department, Ernest F. Dixon, secretary of the department, revealed Tuesday night.

Every move in life is important to the final result.

### Typo. Auxiliary Is To Meet With Mrs. Robert White

The Woman's Auxiliary, Typographical Union, will meet next Monday night at 8 o'clock with Mrs. Robert White, 914 Magnolia Avenue. The meeting will be presided over by Mrs. Hugh M. Sykes, president. A full attendance is requested, as business of importance is to be transacted.

### HOSPITAL CARS

The Navy Dept. has ordered 50 hospital cars from the American Car & Foundry Co., and the War Dept. has ordered 50 from the Pullman Co.

### HORSE VALETS WILL NOW GO TO WAR

Manpower Chief Paul McNutt has called on horse owners and breeders to release for war jobs all employes who take care of their animals.

With horse tracks shut down for the duration, it is estimated about 3,000 workers will be available.

Traffic Signals Are Life Savers

### 1924 — 20 YEARS AGO — 1944

Discovery, in a single sealed room of a factory near Berlin, of 20 times the number of parts of machine guns that the Treaty of Versailles authorized all Germany to possess, was the climax of a series of revelations that the Reich is arming which caused France and Great Britain to refuse to evacuate the Cologne bridgehead on January 10, as called for in the treaty.

Samuel Gompers, 75, founder and 43 times president of the American Federation of Labor, died in San Antonio, Texas, 11 hours after arriving from Mexico. William Green, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers, was named his successor by the Federation's executive council.

Poisonous bootleg liquor took a heavy toll throughout the nation in December, thirty-eight being reported dead in New York alone, with scores of others taken to hospitals in serious condition.

Adolf Hitler, serving sentence in a Bavarian prison for his "rathskeller putsch" in Munich, in November, 1923, was ordered released in an amnesty decree by the German government.

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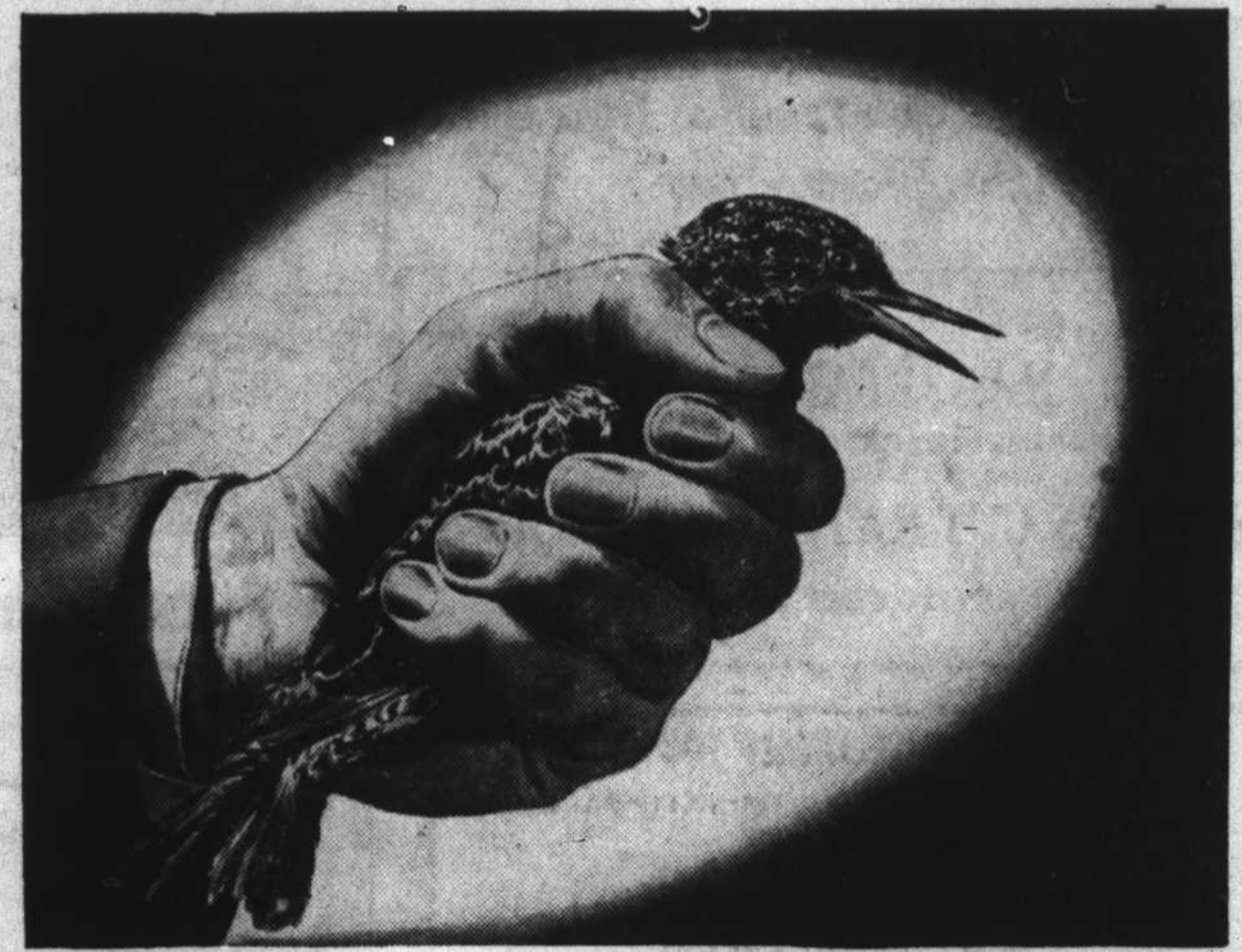
### THE PLEDGE OF EVERY LOYAL A. F. OF L. UNIONIST

"I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands—One Nation Indivisible, With Liberty and Justice for All!"

### ACCIDENTS HELP THE AXIS



THE A. F. OF L. PRESENTS  
AT 1:15 P. M., E.W.T. OVER N.B.C.  
Feb. 25—Sunday—Guest, Arthur H. Vandenberg. Topic: "Lifting Government Controls." Panel Members, Phillip Pearl, A. F. of L.; Emerson P. Schmidt, U. S. Chamber of Commerce; Albert S. Goss, National Grange.



Keep that bird in the hand!

It won't be worth two in the bush if you cash it in—that War Bond, we mean.  
It won't buy your boy, or your neighbor's boy, enough extra ammunition maybe to save his life... if you cash it in.  
It won't help bring that final victory nearer... if you cash it in.

It won't pay you \$4 for every \$3 you invested... if you cash it in.  
So, please—besides buying all the extra Bonds you can scrape the pennies together for—hold onto the War Bonds you've already bought!  
Yes—hold on for dear life! Keep that bird in the hand!

War Bonds... to have and to hold