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RAILWAY CLERKS TO ADMIT VETERANS UPON PAYMENT OF ONE MONTH'S DUES

CINCINNATI—President George M. Harrison announced that the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, by action of its executive council, has directed that no local lodge of the union can charge returning veterans more than the first month's dues as an admission fee.

This ruling applies to former members of the union now in the armed forces and to others seeking jobs in the brotherhood's jurisdiction. Applications for membership must be accompanied by photostat copy of the applicant's honorable discharge from the armed forces and must be filed "within sixty days after the applicant has returned to or accepted employment."

The union directed local lodges to assist veterans to get such photostats made and offered to perform the service itself without charge to the veterans. "Any person honorably discharged from military service is entitled to become a member of the brotherhood upon payment of one month's dues," Mr. Harrison said in summarizing the council's action.

GIVE LIBERALLY TO THE RED CROSS

"THE FELLOW TO BE PITIED IS THE ONE WHO HAS NO TAXES TO PAY"

There is one sentence of Dan Tobin's that has stuck in my memory ever since I first heard it. "The fellow to be pitied in the tax game is the one who has no tax to pay."

Think of that when you try to figure out what you still owe! Taxes are but a cheap price for what we still enjoy. What are they but the cost of our liberty?

No where else in the world are men as free as they are here. No where else are the demands upon the people so light. And—THOSE DEMANDS WE SET OURSELVES.

Each one thinks his problems are the greatest. Each one thinks that the current in which he lives is the whole ocean. It is well that we pause and remember the sufferings of our brother workers overseas before we complain of the demands laid upon us. Men who have lost everything have nothing left with which to pay taxes. They are the ones to be pitied.

Surely we don't any of us LIKE taxes. But this is OUR country. Slaves do not pay taxes. They work at the behest and for the benefit of others. The conquered do not pay taxes—they give tribute. Only free men are taxed. Only free men can support the government that is their own.

"Never king dropped out of the clouds." No tyranny starts without someone paying the way. Taxes are our insurance against tyranny. Taxes are what we the people pay for safety, for the rights of all men. A government of the people, by the people—a government of freedom—needs the support of ALL the people. There are no privileged few when it comes to taxes. The right to pay for his own government is the right of every free born man.

Freedom claims an active effort from each citizen—we have no individual rights that are not in some sense modified by the demand for collective might and victory. The success of the efforts of our cause will be dependent more upon our willingness to make sacrifices to back them up than upon the perfection of any machinery. Taxes, freely and cheerfully paid—are proof of our sincerity of purpose.

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JANUARY WAR COSTS DOWN

WASHINGTON.—U. S. war expenditures during January amounted to \$7,520,000,000 a decrease of 4 percent from the \$7,835,000,000 expended during December, figures compiled

by the Treasury Department and released by WPB show. Average daily expenditures in January was 11.1 percent less than in December—\$278,500,000 against \$313,400,000. From July 1, 1944, through January 31, 1945, the war expenditures by the Government totaled \$252,000,000,000.

EDITORIAL

HIGHHANDED CITY CHARTER LEGISLATION!

That was certainly a "hot one" the Mecklenburg delegation in the House of Representatives at Raleigh pulled (or tried to pull) on the majority of the voters of Charlotte Tuesday: reducing our City Council from 11 to 7 members, and doing away with the old Ward system of representation. A few "top notchers" (mostly politicians) are named as favoring the bill, but Mr. John Q. Citizen seems to have been utterly ignored, the scheme working silently and swiftly among a chosen few. The Journal is glad to note that Representative Vogler is kind of dubious about the motion, and he is showing his hand. If this isn't a hot political move, one has never been pulled on the citizens of Charlotte, and The Labor Journal is surprised at our delegation for using such tactics.

WIRE OR WRITE YOUR REPRESENTATIVES AT ONCE AGAINST THIS BOLD INVASION OF THE VOTERS' RIGHTS WITHOUT BEING DULY CONSIDERED.

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Western Union Election Is An Answer To Pegler

NEW YORK.—"The completely false picture which Westbrook Pegler constantly tries to draw of unwilling workers being forced into labor unions was clearly disproved by the Western Union employees' recent vote in an NLR election." Alfred Baker Lewis, president, Trade Union Accident and Health Insurance Co., charged in a letter to newspapers using Pegler's column.

The secret vote proves that workers do not hate unions, as Pegler claims, because, "while the proportion of votes for the AFL and the CIO differed somewhat in the different districts, the significant thing is that the vote for no union was completely negligible, amounting to less than one per cent of the total," Lewis explained.

The vote resulted in a sweeping victory for the Commercial Telegraphers Union and other AFL unions in 6 of the 7 election districts.

ALL UNION-MADE PLANES PLASTER CITY OF BERLIN

WASHINGTON.—Union-made Flying Fortresses (B-17) of Lieut. General James H. Doolittle's Eighth U. S. Air Force, augmented by a few other type planes, have dropped 15,166 tons of bombs on Berlin since the first assault on March 4, 1944, making it the most heavily bombed target in the world, the War Department announces. These B-17s were rolled off final assembly lines by IAM-AFL members at Boeing Aircraft, Seattle, Douglas Aircraft, Santa Monica, and Lockheed Aircraft, Burbank. Thousands of other union members made their component parts.

The most devastating attack of the 11-month campaign, that of February 3, dropped 2,266 tons on the Nazi capital, the Army says, and had as its aim not only the aggravation of German unrest and discouragement, but the blocking of any shift of troops to the Russian front on the Oder.

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CONVENTION APPLICATIONS ARE DENIED

WASHINGTON.—Out of 484 applications for approval of scheduled conventions or meetings that came in between February 1 and February 9, the War Committee on Conventions denied 469 applications, and approved only 15, ODT reports. The organizations whose applications were denied include among them technical and educational societies, medical, banking and bar associations, chambers of commerce, fraternal bodies, trade associations, women's clubs, youth organizations, veterans associations, and agricultural, religious and labor groups. The list also included a number of festivals, trade shows and market weeks.

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GREEN ASKS IFTU TO MEET IN U.S., AND HITS AT SIDNEY HILLMAN'S DISRUPTIVE MOVES

MIAMI—AFL President William Green expressed the hope that the International Federation of Trade Unions will hold its world-wide labor congress next September in the United States.

Such a conference of the free and democratic trade union organizations of the world "is vitally necessary," Mr. Green said, "to lay the basis for future international labor policy, to unify and strengthen labor's voice with regard to post-war settlements and to map plans for the improvement of labor standards throughout the world when peace returns."

At the same time, Mr. Green reiterated that the AFL would have nothing to do with the so-called world labor organization recently set up in London, which he termed a "Communist labor front." Hitting at Sidney Hillman, CIO leader, who was a prize mover in the new and dual international group, Mr. Green declared:

"Sidney Hillman has now extended his destructive and divisive influence, hitherto confined to labor and political fields in this country, to the international labor sphere," Mr. Green said. "His sarcastic address the other day before the so-called World Labor Conference in London was typical of the man and his methods."

"Again he has allied himself with his communistic friends in order to promote disruption and discord and plunge labor's economic objectives into the stormy sea of world politics."

"His sudden emergence with a plan for a new world trade union federation completely dominated by Soviet Russia and communistically minded labor organizations from other countries has placed the British Trades Union Congress in a distinctly embarrassing position. The British Trades Union Congress must now decide whether to maintain its cooperative and fraternal relationships with the other member organizations of the IFTU or to play second fiddle in Mr. Hillman's new Communist labor front."

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ALL ANTI-LABOR BILLS FAIL TO GAIN IN STATES

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Forty-one state legislatures, now meeting, have wound up the first month of their 1945 sessions, but so far without final enactment of any anti-labor measures.

Bills designed to hamstring unions have poured into the hoppers of many of the legislatures, but not at as great a rate as in the previous two years, a Department of Labor survey indicated.

MATCHES ARE PLACED UNDER ALLOCATION

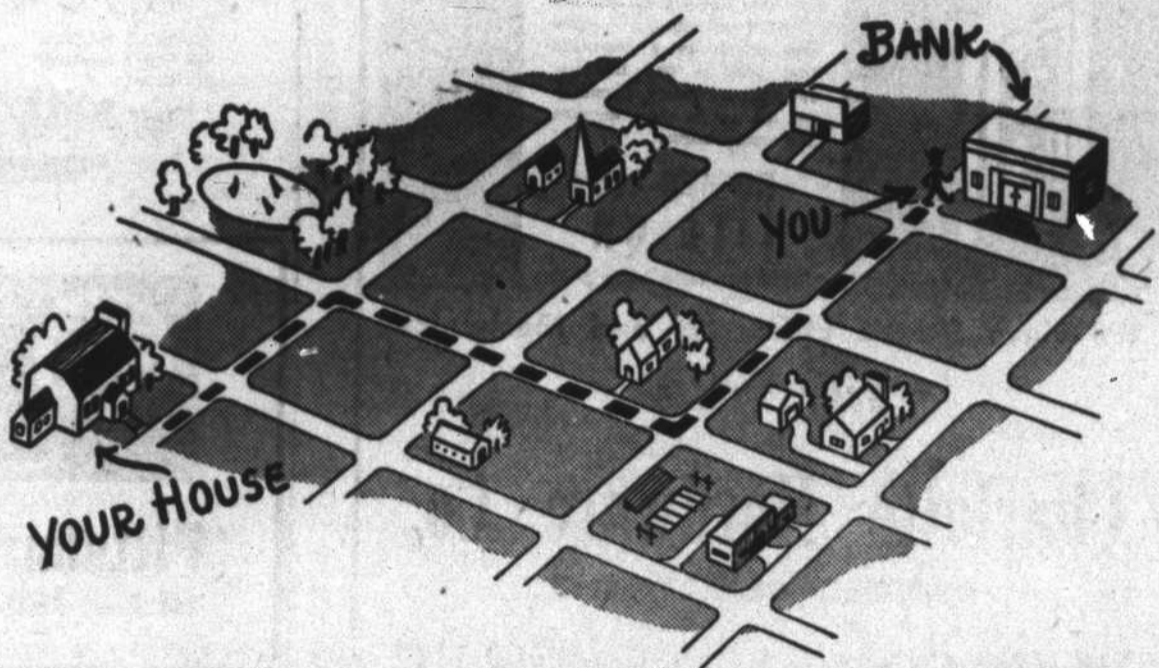
WASHINGTON—Better distribution of matches is in prospect. To assure meeting increased military demands, coupled with requirements for newly liberated areas, and to prevent maldistribution for civilian needs, WPB has placed matches under allocation control, WPB reported. The control will be exercised at the producer level, and will go into effect March 1.

Up to this week, restrictive bills have made marked headway in only two states—South Dakota and Georgia.



THE A. F. OF L. PRESENTS AT 1:15 P. M., E.W.T. OVER N.B.C.

March 4—Sunday—Guest, Senator Mahoney. Topic: "Threat of Monopoly." Panel Members: Boris Shishkin, A. F. of L.; Emerson P. Schmidt, U. S. Chamber of Commerce; Edward A. O'Neal, American Farm Bureau Federation.



Is this trip necessary?

HOW BADLY do you need the money you'd get by cashing in that War Bond?

Bad enough to risk withdrawing your support . . . even momentarily . . . from the fight your soldier is in all the way up to his ringing ears?

Bad enough to risk prolonging the war

by even so much as 30 thunderous seconds?

Bad enough to tamper dangerously with the life you've planned for your family and yourself when peace comes?

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