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### EX-RED CROSS WORKER SAYS SOLDIERS ARE PROPAGANDIZED AGAINST ORGANIZED LABOR

CHICAGO, March 5.—A former Red Cross worker, assigned to the care of wounded veterans, stated recently in a letter to Irvin R. Kuenzli, Secretary-Treasurer of the American Federation of Teachers, that soldiers on the battlefield are being propagandized against organized labor with enemy information from two sources—both native and foreign. Pointing out that this propaganda from both the Germans and the anti-labor forces in the United States is turning members of the armed forces against workers on the home front, this former Red Cross worker urged labor unions to take steps to counteract the false information about strikes.

The complete letter of the ex-Red Cross worker is as follows:

"I am writing you regarding the possibility of greatly extended distribution of the enclosed pamphlet on strikes—('A Dad's Letter to a Marine Raider,' published by the American Federation of Teachers.)

"Not long ago when I was with the Red Cross, working in a military hospital in this country, I had the following experience. Soldiers returned from combat in the European theater spoke resentfully of the strikes; they blamed the strikers and labor union. These soldiers were themselves workers. They said they heard all about the strikes on the battlefield: the Jerries dropped leaflets. When I discussed the motive of German propaganda, I was told our own papers said the same thing. 'Thou I had some of the enclosed pamphlets, I was not in a position to

"I should be distributed to counteract enemy information, both native and foreign variety.

"It has occurred to me that one way of doing it is to have the A.F.L. central body take it up in Washington and have permission to distribute these leaflets in all military and naval units all over. How else can we prevent returning servicemen from having an unfounded hostility towards fellow workers? I hope you will be able to do something.

"Thou I should like to sign my name, considerations of self-protection make me think I'd better not, so I shall content myself with bringing this to your attention."—A Union Member.

A limited number of copies of the Marine Raider letter mentioned above may be secured from the office of the American Federation of Teachers, 506 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago 5, Ill.

### A. F. OF L. PRESIDENT WM. GREEN APPOINTED ONE OF THE JUDGES IN NAT. PEACE TREATY CONTEST

NEW YORK.—William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor and Clinton S. Golden, executive vice-president, United Steel Workers of America, CIO, have been appointed judges in the National Peace Treaty Contest, which will award \$10,000 in war bond prizes for the best practical peace treaties which can be applied to the world at the end of the war, it was announced today.

This marks the first opportunity of World War II for plain Americans to express their views on what the coming peace should contain to safeguard the world against future wars and to provide for an abundant peace.

A total of 100 prizes amounting to \$10,000 in war bonds will be awarded for the best treaties of 1,000 words or less. The National Peace Treaty Contest will open on March 17 and close midnight, April 15 and is open to all legal residents of the United States and to members of the armed forces wherever they may be. National headquarters are at 350 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Vice President Harry S. Truman will be a member of the distinguished panel of judges who will decide the winning entries. Winners will be judged by how practical and how workable their plans and ideas are for the coming peace.

Other members of the judges' committee besides Green, Golden, Truman and Ziff, are: Chairman, Joseph W. Frazer, Chairman of the Board, Graham-Paige Motor Corp.; Senator Owen Brewster, of Maine; Ray Rand, former army private who was wounded at Salerno; Fannie Hurst, author and novelist; Mrs. Warren R. Cain, Los Angeles Catholic clubwomen and blue star mother; Dr. Rockwell D. Hunt, dean of the Graduate School, University of Southern California and Rev. Ralph W. Sockman, minister of Christ Church, Methodist, New York City.

The rules, as announced by the judges' committee, provide that entrants must be legal residents of the United States or its possessions, their views and ideas for the organization of world peace must not exceed 1,000 words and that entries must be postmarked before midnight, April 15, 1945. The first prize will be a \$2,500 war bond, second prize a \$1,500 war bond, third prize a \$1,000 war bond and 97 other prizes ranging from \$500 down to \$25 in war bonds.

### CHARLOTTE CENTRAL LABOR UNION HAS AN INTERESTING AND A WELL ATTENDED MEETING ON THURSDAY

Charlotte Central Labor Union held its regular meeting Thursday evening at the Labor Temple on North McDowell street, and enjoyed the best attendance in some time. Many important matters, pertaining to Union welfare in Charlotte and vicinity, were brought upon the floor and action taken.

Nearly all of the many local unions were represented by their delegates, and all reported progress, and high confidence in their prospects for 1945. Organized labor is doing a splendid job in Charlotte, and its members are participating in every city, state and government endeavor to bring our nation to a quick and speedy victory, and cooperation between capital and labor after peace is won.

President J. A. Moore presided. Organizer Sims of the Bakery Workers was present and made an interesting talk.

Twenty locals were represented, which is not a bad showing for these days when all members are working full time and overtime.

### TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION BRANCHING OUT TO ORGANIZE THE MIMEOGRAPH WORKERS IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE

WASHINGTON.—The nation's oldest labor organization, the Columbia Typographical Union of Washington, is planning an all-out campaign to negotiate a collective bargaining agreement with the U. S. Government covering thousands of union members employed as printers and typesetters.

In one year the Typographical Union obtained basic wage increases amounting to more than \$800,000 a year. The types now plan to improve wage and working conditions for government and other workers doing mimeograph, multigraph, multilith and varitype work.

Meanwhile President Jesse B. Manbeck has launched an attempt to destroy a rate range pay schedule recently imposed on union hand compositors employed by the War, Navy, Interior and Commerce Departments.

"Success in winning this appeal," Manbeck said, "will mean that the WLB has authority to force the government itself to set up wage scales which are in line with prevailing wage levels and industry practice."

Manbeck protested against establishment of two rate ranges in War Dept. printing plants "for similar work in the same area for civilian hand compositors." The different rates, he declared, "are certainly contrary to all known stabilization policies of the WLB, and doubly so when such rate ranges are arbitrarily imposed on an industry which has had a single-rate wage policy for 130 years in this area."

The U. S. Civil Service Commission now calls on the Typographical Union to supply printers for the Government Printing Office. Last month the Commission asked Manbeck for 147 printers.

### A. F. OF L. CHARGES THAT WAR DEPT. IS DECEIVING NATION IN REGARD TO THE MANPOWER SHORTAGE

WASHINGTON.—Deliberate withholding of half of the picture on the manpower situation was charged to Undersecretary of War Patterson by the AFL last week. "Mr. Patterson released only one side of the manpower balance sheet," the current AFL Monthly Labor Survey charges, referring to the War Department official's statement that 700,000 new workers would be needed in industry during the first six months of 1945.

The Patterson figure was given to Congress when he presented the Army case in favor of a labor draft, and was widely used in House debate before the passage of the "work-or-jail" bill.

Patterson listed only the "demand" side of the manpower ledger, and omitted the "supply" side, the AFL charges.

"The supply is more than adequate to meet the demand" according to the labor monthly. Actually, when the figures are examined closely, the AFL asserts it is probable that only 150,000 new workers will be critically needed during the next six months. Many of these can be provided if workers "hoarded" by employers are released for jobs where their full skills can be utilized the AFL says, citing plant-by-plant reports of waste.

Here is a "balance sheet" based on current government estimates:

**MANPOWER BALANCE SHEET**  
January Through June 1945

**Demand**

1. Munitions Industries, 400,000;
2. Other supporting activities (transportation, construction, etc.), 200,000;
- a. needed immediately 180,000; b. needed before June 30, 420,000;
3. armed forces-inductions, 900,000; total, 1,500,000.

**SUPPLY**

1. Cutbacks and contract cancellation in munitions, 200,000;
2. Veterans returning to jobs, 400,000;
3. Young persons coming of age and new workers 500,000;
4. Drop in agricultural labor, 100,000;
5. Those now unemployed, 100,000;
6. From non-essential industries, 200,000; total 1,500,000.

### PHILA. LABOR FORMS A POST OF AM. LEGION

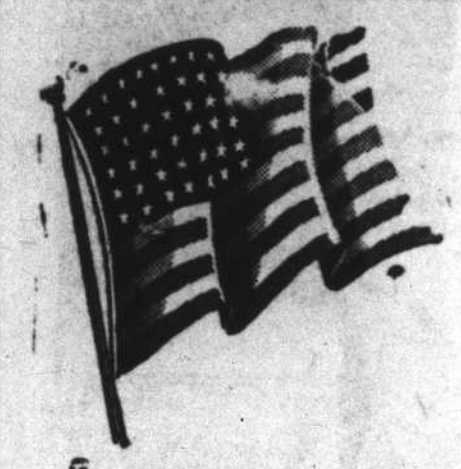
PHILADELPHIA.—An American Legion post of union members will be formed here.

Plans for its formation were announced by James L. McDevitt, president of the State Federation of Labor and himself an overseas veteran of the last war.

"The aims of the Legion have always been identical with the aims of organized labor," McDevitt said. "We are establishing a labor post here because we think the position of organized labor should be represented in every phase of American life."

You see with your eyes and respond with your heart.

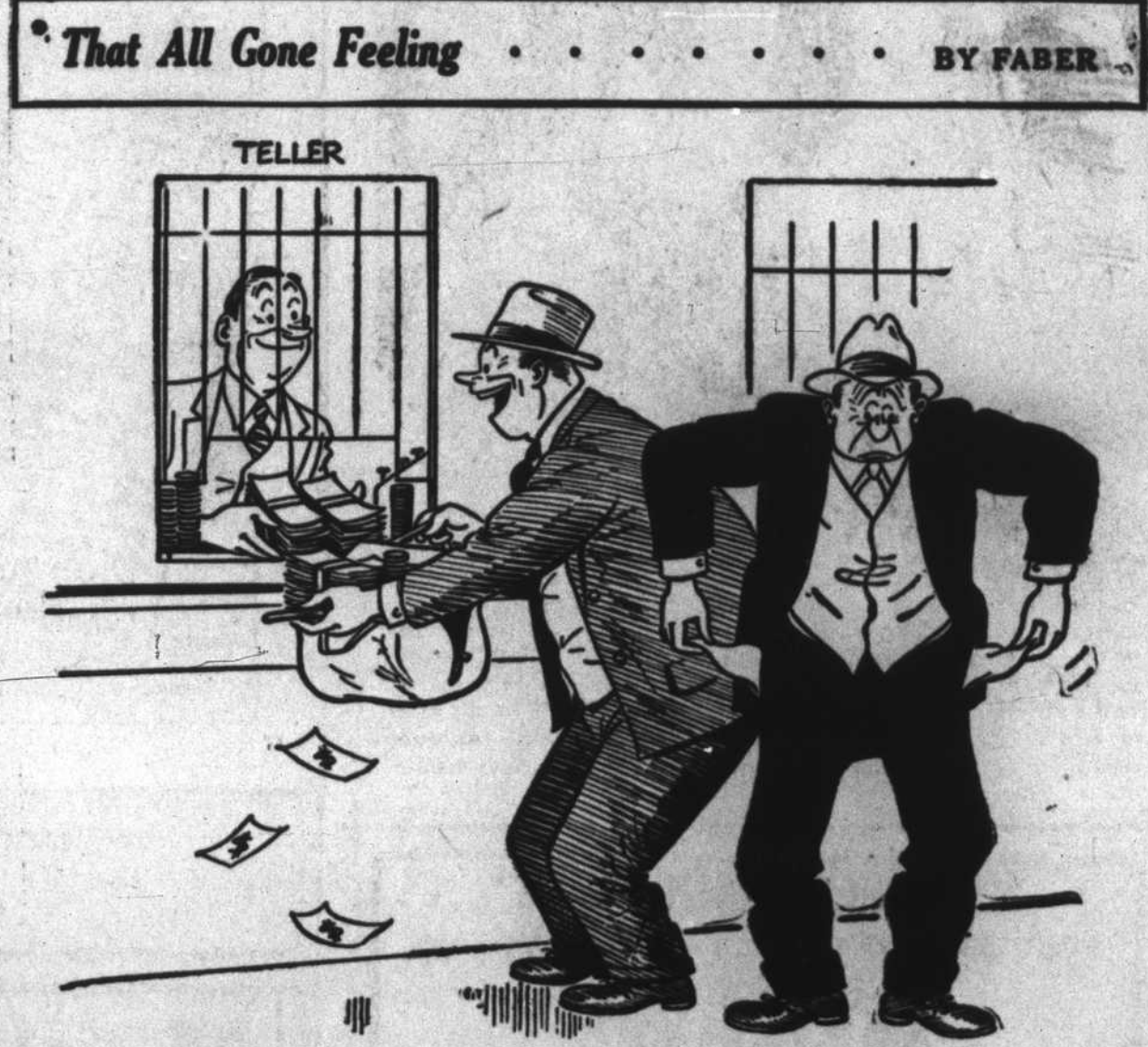
N. C. Labor Is 100% Loyal  
Free Labor Will Out-Produce Nazi Slaves



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!"

PRODUCE FOR VICTORY



For some folks it will come in a few years—as they watch their wisest friends collect when their War Bonds come due.

Don't be one of the boys who're going to feel like kicking themselves...don't give in to that urge to spend now. Hang on to those War Bonds till they're fully matured.

If you cash your Bonds in now you're taking fighting dollars away from Uncle Sam just when he needs them most. You're throwing away the best investment in the world—and a chance to have things you've always wanted. And you get a mighty poor break when you buy things at a time when goods are inferior in quality and prices are high.

So, instead of looking forward to "That All Gone Feeling," get set for the thrill of a lifetime—the time when you can march proudly down to the bank and get your full four dollars for every three you've loaned your country.

Meanwhile, keep on buying War Bonds!

KEEP FAITH WITH OUR FIGHTERS  
BUY WAR BONDS FOR KEEPS

THE A. F. OF L. PRESENTS  
AT 1:15 P. M., E.W.T. OVER N.B.C.  
March 11—Sunday—Guest speaker: Senator Wagner. Topic, "Housing." Panel members, Boris Shishkin, A. F. L., Emerson P. Schmidt, U. S. Chamber of Commerce; Paul Sifton, National Farmers Union.