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Against Prisoner of War Labor

MAN POWER BILL DEFEATED BY DECISIVE VOTE OF 46 TO 29; A SIGNAL VICTORY FOR LABOR

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The Senate overrode President Roosevelt yesterday with a crushing 46 to 29 rejection of a bill empowering the administration to freeze workers to war jobs and apply other sweeping man power controls. Convinced that further efforts to win votes for the measure were futile, Majority Leader Barkley of Kentucky, called for a vote unexpectedly this afternoon and sat by helplessly as the margin rolled up against it.

It previously was understood that the showdown would be delayed until Wednesday.

While, at the suggestion of Senator O'Mahoney, Democrat of Wyoming, the Senate approved a motion to seek a further conference with the House in an effort at a new compromise, the feeling prevailed that there was no prospect of any man power legislation at all.

The last hope of passage of the pending bill faded away when Senator Johnson, Democrat of Colorado, one of its original sponsors, joined the lineup against it after James F. Byrnes, just before quitting as war mobilization director, called for its passage.

Johnson said that with Byrnes retiring to civil life "It is a poor time to freeze other people to their jobs."

Senator Hatch, Democrat of New Mexico, sought to save the measure with a plea for support of the President and military authorities. He said he resented the implication that by quitting Byrnes was doing something he would deny workers. Byrnes stayed on the job, Hatch said, "longer perhaps than his health and welfare permitted."

Senator Lucas, Democrat of Illinois, declared that senators using Johnson's argument were "virtually inviting people to quit" when Germany is defeated.

However, the majority seemed to share the view of Senator Donnell, Republican of Missouri, who, making his first major speech to the Senate, declared:

"On the face of the record of war production and the fact of testimony by both management and labor that voluntary methods will produce more war weapons, I am compelled to vote against the pending bill, and the vast amount of power it would put in one man."

(Senator Josiah Bailey voted for the bill, which Senator Clyde Hoey (for the bill) was paired with Senator Mead, Democrat, against it. This is a victory for organized labor, who has consistently fought the bill as unnecessary and uncalled for in view of the fact that the workers were patriotically giving their all, in both labor and money toward winning the war, and would have tended to give the government despotic control over the freedom of its citizenship. —Ed.)

REG. MEETING CENTRAL BODY THURSDAY P. M.

While the attendance upon the meeting of Charlotte Central Labor Union last Thursday night was not up to usual high average of the past few months, it was nevertheless one of interest. Reports of locals were very

good, and matters came before the body of much interest to labor. President J. A. Moore, presided.

The meeting this week promises to be one of much importance, and every delegate is urged to be on hand.

Charlotte is the ranking city in North Carolina as to number of A. F. of L. locals, and in the past few months many new locals have been added with organizational work going steadily forward.

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TYPO. UNION MEMBERS ARE LOCKED OUT BY MANAGEMENT DES MOINES REGISTER-TELGRAM

DES MOINES, April 3.—Members of Des Moines Malters' Union No. 58 and those of Typographical Union No. 118, employed at The Des Moines Register-Tribune, were declared locked out on Saturday, March 24, when the management of that newspaper refused to comply with the basic priority laws of the International Typographical Union in the mailing room.

For a number of months past members of the dual International Malters' Union have been trying to force all Malters to join their organization. The superintendent of the mailing room in this foreman-dominated organization went to extreme of calling in all I.T.U. Malters, one by one, and endeavored to coerce them into joining the International Malters' Union. When these loyal Malters refused to comply, their priority in the mailing room was placed at the bottom of the board and below all I.M.U. Malters and regardless of length of service to the firm.

I.T.U. Representative George Heutmaker was assigned to the jurisdiction and fully authorized to act for and on behalf of the Executive Council. When the management refused to correct the matter, thus indicating their intention to support the I. M. U. Malters, a lockout was declared. By an almost unanimous vote, members of Des Moines Typographical Union No. 118 declared their support of the Malters' Union and when a lockout was declared on behalf of the Malters it applied alike to the printers under the provisions of Section 4, Article XIX, ITU By-Laws.

A. F. OF L. TO OPEN FREEDOM PARK OFFICE HERE IN LABOR TEMPLE

An A. F. of L. general office will be opened in Charlotte within the next week with a full time organizer in charge. This is the culmination of much effort on the part of Charlotte Central Labor Union to procure assistance in organizational work in this section. Charlotte is now the foremost Central Body of the State and is making a greater effort than ever, under the leadership of President J. A. Moore, to place new locals and strengthen those already existent. It is expected that James Barrett will be placed in charge here, at least temporarily, working under Southern A. F. of L. Representative George L. Googe, of the Atlanta office.

The offices will be in the Labor Temple, on North McDowell street.

PERKINS WOULD PUT BAN ON INDUSTRIAL HOMEWORK

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretary of Labor Perkins urged all states to abolish "industrial homework" and thus weed out the last refuge of the sweatshoppers. In a letter to state labor commissioners, she hailed the recent United States Supreme Court decision sustaining the power of the administrator of the Wage-Hour Act to outlaw such homework in all industries engaged in interstate commerce.

C. L. U. PRESIDENT, J. A. MOORE, CONDEMNS THE USE OF PRISONER OF WAR LABOR IN MECKLENBURG

In a statement given out Wednesday the Charlotte Central Labor Union and its affiliated A. F. of L. locals entered protest against the use of prisoner of war labor, with the exception of lumbering, pulpwood industry and farming. President Jack Moore, of Central body, also stated that the ban against such labor will stand even if there is insufficient civilian labor to meet the demand.

President Moore said the stand was based on two principal reasons:

(1) Prisoners of war are dangerous, and there is always a possibility of sabotage or injury to civilians when they are used;

(2) There would be plenty of civilian labor available here if local employers would pay base rates as high as those paid elsewhere.

The statement was occasioned by a request from Administrator Carl I. Flaith, of Memorial Hospital that prisoners of war be used in some grading work on the hospital grounds, in stating that labor could not be secured through regular sources. A request was made of Camp Sutton for prisoners of war labor. Mr. Flaith was referred to the War Manpower Commission in Charlotte, the director of that body informing Mr. Flaith that he could not give a priority rating without the approval of Charlotte Central Labor Union, which body refused to waive its objection, through its executive committee, in special session.

President Moore, of Central Labor Union gave out the following statement in explanation of the committee's refusal:

"It is a fact that organized labor for many, many years has been opposed to the use of prisoner labor in industry. Those prisoners of war, regardless of who they are, are our enemies and can't be removed far enough from the City of Charlotte. There is always the danger of sabotage where prisoners are used.

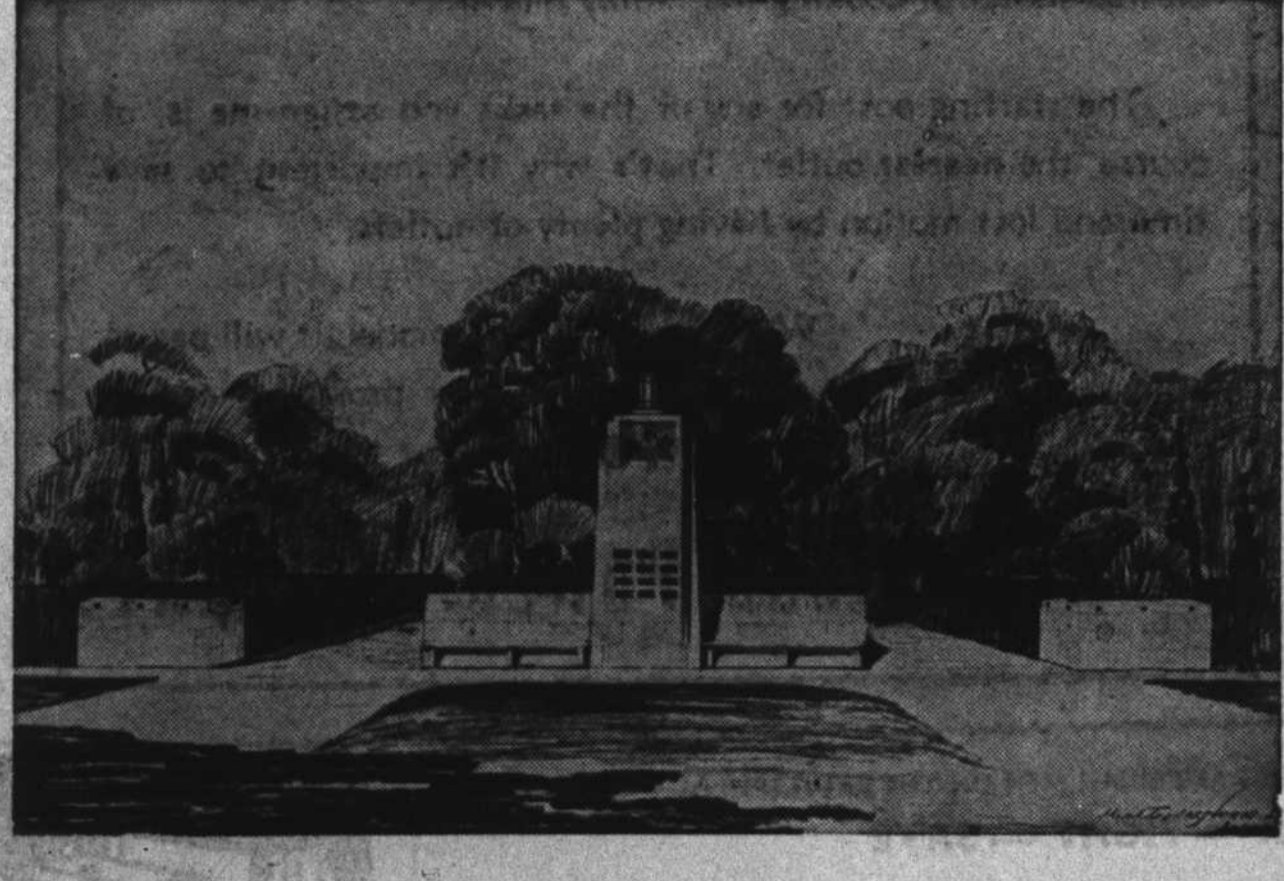
"We owe the patients of Memorial Hospital such protection as our refusal would give them. We've had applications from dozens of employers, but we haven't yielded and we will not reverse our position.

"If employers here will pay a base rate sufficient to place workers on the same pay scale as in other sections, then there will be plenty of native labor. The prevailing scale for unskilled labor such as is required for the Memorial Hospital project is 50 cents an hour. Sixty cents can be paid if permission is requested. With such rates, our native labor would stay home instead of finding employment elsewhere.

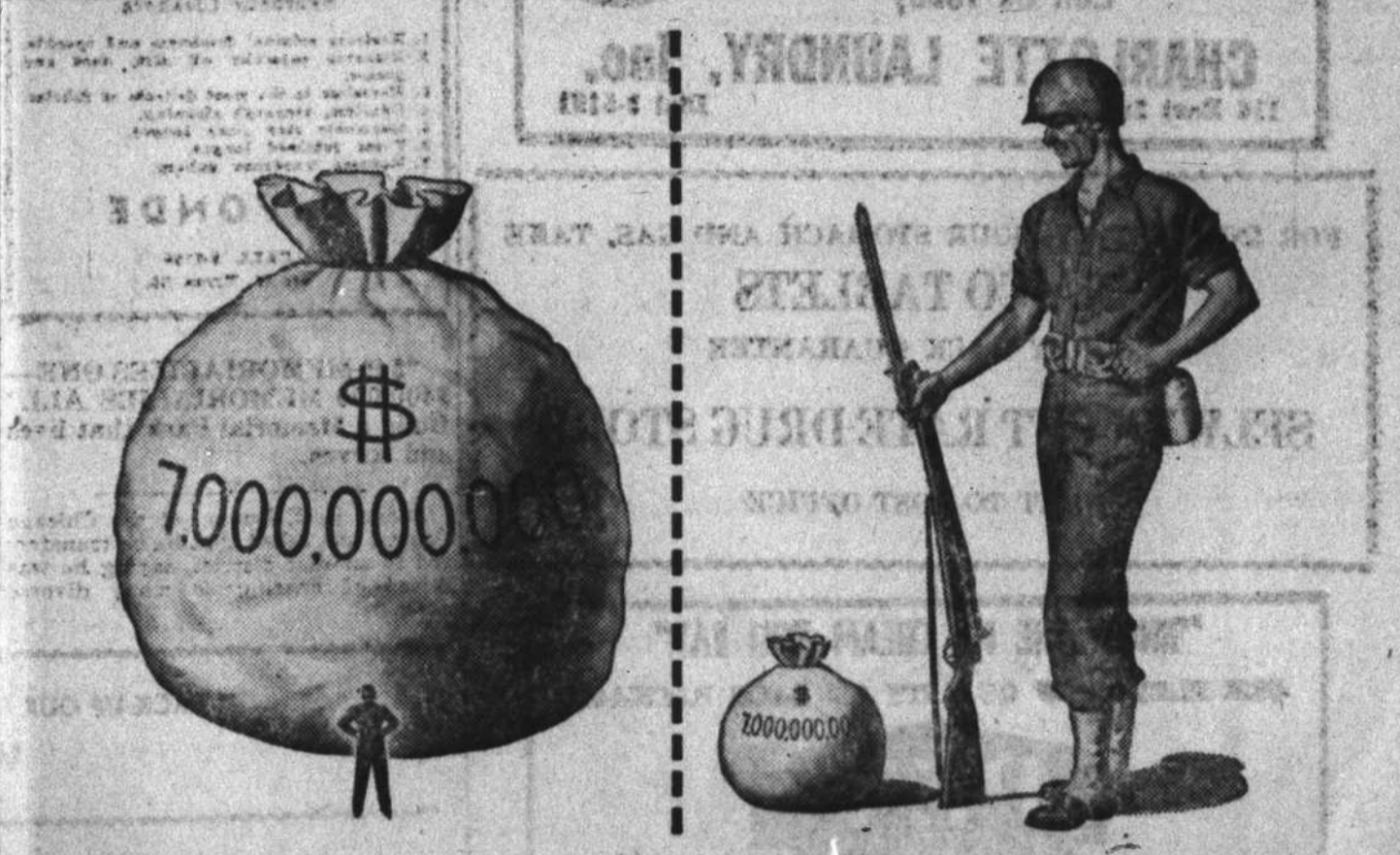
"We yielded broadly in the case of farming, and in the lumbering and pulpwood industries, but we wouldn't want prisoners to work in the lumber yards.

"We are all interested in Memorial Hospital. We know that those children are victims of infantile pa-

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MEMORIAL GATE—Pictured here is the memorial gate, which will form the entrance to Charlotte's proposed \$400,000 playground honoring the city's sons and daughters now serving in the armed forces. Designed by Walter W. Hook, architect of the Charlotte Park association's project, on the gate will be the inscription, "IN MEMORIAM. To all who served so fearlessly—and so gallantly gave the laughter from their hearts—that children might play in a happy world."



Is it a LOT or a Little?

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Did you know that about 80 per cent of the Seabees, the Navy's fabulous construction battalions, were recruited from the building trades and metal trades unions of the American Federation of Labor?

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Then listen to the AFL's new radio show called "Builders of Victory" which will be devoted to outstanding and dramatic episodes of the Seabees on the fighting fronts.

The first program will be broadcast over the nation-wide facilities of the Columbia Broadcasting System April 7 at 3:45 P.M., E.W.T. Succeeding episodes will be heard each Saturday thereafter at the same time. Don't miss these thrilling radio shows!

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CURE FOR CAR-CHASER

William F. Porter, a Canadian, has devised an effective cure for one of the most annoying habits practiced by some dogs—that of chasing cars. He suspends a light spruce stick from the collar so that it dangles across his legs. When the dog starts running, the stick strikes his knees and he soon comes to a stop. Mr. Porter says the remedy is no cruelty to the dog but rather prevents accidents into which the habit would ultimately lead the dog.

The French people think highly of the despised snail; Parisians alone consuming two million pounds of them yearly.

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