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HERE'S HOW IT HAPPENED: SURRENDER OF NAZIS OCCURS IN LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE

[An Associated Press article by Edward Kennedy, bearing date, Reims, France, May 7, follows:]

Germany surrendered unconditionally to the western Allies and Russia at 2:41 a. m. French time Monday. (This was at 8:41 p. m., eastern war time Sunday.) The surrender took place at a little red schoolhouse which is the headquarters of General Eisenhower. The surrender which brought the war in Europe to a formal end after five years, eight months, and six days of bloodshed and destruction was signed for Germany by Col. Gen. Gustav Jodl. Jodl is the new chief of staff of the German Army.

It was signed for the Supreme Allied command by Lieut. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, chief of staff for General Eisenhower.

It was also signed by Gen. Ivan Susloparoff for Russia and by Gen. Francois Sevez for France.

General Eisenhower was not present at the signing, but immediately after Jodl and his fellow delegate, Gen. Admiral Hans Georg Friedeburg, were received by the supreme commander.

They were asked sternly if they understood the surrender terms imposed upon Germany and if they would be carried out by Germany. They answered yes.

Germany, which began the war with a ruthless attack upon Poland, followed by successive aggressions and brutality in internment camps, surrendered with an appeal to the victors for mercy toward the German people and armed forces.

After signing the full surrender, Jodl said he wanted to speak and was given leave to do so.

"With this signature," he said in soft-spoken German, "the German people and armed forces are for better or worse delivered into the victors' hands."

"In this war, which has lasted more than five years, both have achieved and suffered more than perhaps any other people in the world."

POSTAL MEN CANCEL STATE CONVENTION

The North Carolina division of the National Association of Letter Carriers canceled its annual convention for this year, which had been scheduled for July 4 at High Point, according to an announcement Tuesday.

Guy H. Clontz of Charlotte is the president. He reported that the executive committee, meeting in High Point, decided because of wartime conditions to abandon convention

plans for this year. Officers who served this association during the past year will hold over until the 1946 convention, it was explained.

ALBERT BECK COMING HOME FROM THE WEST

A card from Albert Beck, at Wenatchee, Wash., tells us he is "finishing up" and will be home soon. He has been on the Pacific coast about two years now. Friend Beck is a brickmason, a union man 100 per cent, and an organizer of no mean ability.

FLY A BOMB TO BERLIN—PUT 10 PERCENT OF PAY IN WAR BONDS.

CHARLOTTE TYPOS. NOMINATE OFFICERS; FELMET WILL BE THE NEXT PRESIDENT; BOSTICK SEC.

At the regular monthly meeting of Charlotte Typographical Union No. 338, Sunday afternoon the main feature was the nomination of officers for the ensuing year. The union voted to purchase a memorial in Freedom Park. President C. J. Pridgen, who declined nomination has served the past four years. Howard L. Beatty, again nominated for recording secretary will go into his 23rd consecutive term in that capacity.

Claude L. Albee, vice president; W. M. Bostick, secretary; Howard L. Beatty (for twenty-third term), recording secretary; H. B. Alexander and S. A. Herrin, sergeants-at-arms; John P. White, delegate to annual meeting of International Typographical union, with A. H. Lowthian as alternate; L. H. Pickens, Roy Finch, and Hugh M. Sykes, finance and auditing committee; Claude L. Albee, Howard L. Beatty, S. A. Herrin, L. H. Pickens, and A. M. Jones, delegates to North Carolina State Federation of Labor; Claude L. Albee, E. D. Johnston, and S. A. Herrin, delegates to Charlotte Central Labor Union; Claude L. Albee, H. H. Lawing, Howard L. Beatty, and Charles McCready, delegates to Charlotte Allied Printing Trades council.

MATTHEW WOLL TELLS ANNUAL CONFERENCE \$120,000,000 IS RAISED FOR WAR-COMMUNITY FUNDS AND THE RED CROSS SINCE YEAR 1942

NEW YORK.—The Labor League for Human Rights, official relief arm of the American Federation of Labor, has risen to new heights of service and prestige during the past twelve months. This fact stood out in bold relief as reports of the League's activities were given at the annual conference of the organization held here, April 30 to May 5.

The A. F. of L. is now represented on 835 War-Community Chest and Red Cross Chapter Committees this year, compared with 651 last year.

Mr. Woll emphasized three outstanding aims for the year ahead: 1. All-out support for the National War Fund drive this fall and the American Red Cross campaign next spring.

2. Aid to the A. F. of L.'s veterans' program through 500 Central Body Labor League Committees.

3. Intensification of labor's part in planning and administration of community services.

The opening day heard addresses by Abraham Bluestein, executive director of the Labor League for Human Rights; Joseph V. Tobin, assistant executive director; and Paul Milane, director of community services.

Sixteen regional directors and ten A. F. of L. Community Chest representatives were in attendance. They met with the national staff to discuss the important role the League will play in veterans' problems and community welfare services. Top leadership of the National War Fund, Community Chests and Councils, and the American Red Cross addressed the sessions.

President Matthew Woll reported these outstanding achievements of the League:

A. F. of L. members have contributed more than \$120,000,000 to War-Community Chests and the American Red Cross since 1942.

A. F. of L. volunteers serving on local War-Community Chests and Red Cross Committees increased from 2406 to 3,856 during the past year.

1,250,000 NEW HOMES ARE NEEDED EACH YEAR, SAYS THE NATIONAL HOUSING AGENCY

WASHINGTON.—Construction of 12,600,000 non-farm houses will be needed during the first 10 years of peace, John B. Blandford, Jr., administrator of the National Housing Agency, told a meeting of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc., in New York recently.

More than 6,000,000 of these houses will be needed for returning service men, to take care of normal increases in families now sharing quarters with others, he said. The remainder will be needed to replace substandard houses, assuming a 20 year program for complete replacement of such structures.

The estimate, Blandford said, would call for an average construction of about 1,250,000 new homes a year, far above any peak construction in the past, and would result, he estimated, in a total investment of about \$7,000,000,000 a year and jobs for 4,500,000 workers.

To achieve such a rate of production, Blandford continued, industry would have to be stimulated to build for the great mass of American families—the wage-earner and white collar group—who before the war generally were unable to afford new houses.

Blandford told the meeting that good housing certainly will be one of the corner stones of a better world to be built after victory by the United Nations. He called post-war housing "only one segment of the broad post-war challenge in this country, and of the still broader challenge of world reconstruction and progress."

"The subject of housing," he said, "or providing good shelter, is in a sense symbolic of the whole range of post-war goals, dedicated to raising the conditions of living for the peoples of the world and to bringing to bear on those conditions the full benefits of modern technology and industrial resources."

PRESIDENT TRUMAN SIGNS BILL AUTHORIZING FUNDS FOR 20,000 FAMILY UNITS AND TRAILERS

WASHINGTON.—An additional appropriation of \$66,000,000 for construction of publicly financed war housing has been made available to the National Housing Agency in the First Deficiency Appropriation Bill of 1945, just signed by President Truman, NHA reported. The funds will be used to erect temporary housing in numbers of communities where it is still necessary for war plants to recruit labor from other areas to meet production programs.

It is expected that the funds will provide about 20,000 family units, 1,600 trailers and 6,000 dormitory accommodations, NHA said.

The war housing program now includes about 1,800,000 units of all types, both publicly and privately financed. Of this number about 800,000, the bulk of which are of temporary construction, have been built with public funds aggregating about \$2,300,000,000.

Private enterprise has furnished the rest, all permanent housing, at an investment of about \$4,000,000. Altogether some 4,000,000 war workers and their families, about 9,000,000 persons all told, have been housed; about half of them in quarters "mobilized" from the existing housing supply, NHA said.

The new need for housing is important to the stepped up operations on the West Coast due to the increasing tempo of the war in the Pacific.

JOURNAL'S ANNIVERSARY EDITION TO BE A WAR BOND EVENT

On May 17th The Labor Journal will celebrate its Fifteenth Birthday of continuous publication, and instead of usual run we have decided to devote it exclusively to promotion of the Seventh War Loan. Our many business friends have co-operated with us in the past in celebrating our anniversary, along with our local, State and National labor leaders to great degree, and we thank them. But these are crucial days, and while we have concluded one phase of our struggle, we still have Japan upon our hands, and our country is calling upon us for the necessary funds with which to bring it to a victorious conclusion.

We thank those who have gone down the line with us, in the past, and ask our friends for continued co-operation.

Charlotte Ticket Wins In One Of The "Weakest" Elections Ever

With no interest and less than one-tenth of the electorate voting the Charlotte ticket was "sweet" into office with a high vote for the winning ticket of 2,856 and a low of 2,622.

The vote

T. A. Childs	2,856
J. Sam Hinson	2,731
Henry H. Newton	2,713
Fred H. McIntyre	2,687
J. H. Johnston	2,653
Ross Puette	2,632
John P. White	2,622

The winners in the contest for the school board:

Mrs. Francis O. Clarkson	2,326
Brook Barkley	2,177
R. M. Mauldin	1,633

The votes for the defeated candidates for the Council were:

Manley R. Dunaway	340
S. W. Ellis	278
C. D. Hollingsworth	270
J. B. Thomas	211

J. W. Wenzel who withdrew after his name had been listed on the ballot, 186; and G. F. Rice, 176.

Defeated for the city school board were Courtney R. Maury, 1,375; Leon P. Harris, Negro lawyer, 844.

There are more than 43,000 registered voters in Charlotte.

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LABOR WORKED ON "V-E" DAY

WASHINGTON.—Labor hailed the V-E proclamation but noted that the job ahead is tough. Said AFL President William Green: "V-E Day is cause for deep rejoicing, but the workers of America cannot relax their efforts yet. Half the job of winning the war—the most important half—is now over, but a great deal of hard fighting and hard work still lies ahead before Japan is conquered and world peace restored. American soldiers of production cannot afford to pause or falter until the entire job is completed and final victory is achieved."

The AFL Executive Council: "Labor will not pause or relax until the entire job is completed and final world-wide victory is won."

THE MARCH OF LABOR



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IN THE ENCYCLOPEDIA LETTER, "QUADRAGESIMO ANNO," ISSUED IN MAY, 1931:
"IN THE FIRST PLACE THE WAGE PAID TO THE WORKINGMAN MUST BE SUFFICIENT FOR THE SUPPORT OF HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY... LABOR, INDEED... IS NOT A MERE CHATTEL, SINCE THE HUMAN DIGNITY OF THE WORKINGMAN MUST BE RECOGNIZED IN IT, AND CONSEQUENTLY IT CAN NOT BE BOUGHT AND SOLD LIKE ANY PIECE OF MERCHANDISE..."

LABOR WORKS - FIGHTS - GIVES - AND BUYS U.S. WAR BONDS!

A NEW SPEED RECORD IN ORGANIZING A PLANT AND SIGNING A CONTRACT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SET BY THE STEEL WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, C.I.O., IN THE EASTON & ALLENTOWN PLANTS OF THE HARRY CROWDER CO. EMPLOYEES HELD THEIR FIRST UNION MEETING AT 5 P.M., MEMBERSHIP CARDS WERE SIGNED AND A CONTRACT DRAWN UP BY 7 P.M. COMPANY OFFICIALS AND UNION REPRESENTATIVES MET AT 8 P.M. AT 9 P.M. THE COMPANY SIGNED.



IF ALL 'FOREIGNERS' WENT BACK TO THE 'OLD COUNTRY'



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