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To influence Public Opinion in favor of the Organized Labor Movement.

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BIBLE THOUGHT

"He that believeth on my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."
—Words of Christ.

A GREAT LABOR SECRETARY RETIRES

The St. Louis Labor News in speaking of the resignation of Mrs. Frances Perkins, as Secretary of Labor, wisely and justly says:

"Like an Arab of the poet who 'folded his tent and silently stole away,' Madam Frances Perkins, for twelve historic years the U. S. Secretary of Labor, has resigned and makes her exit from the Washington scene. . .

"Mrs. Perkins, who came down from Albany, New York, with President Roosevelt during the dark days of the depression, unquestionably was one of the most loyal and dependable members of his cabinet, who remained ever faithful to the 'Chief' to the end."

The Labor Journal agrees that "Small time critics" have delighted in belittling and sniping at this efficient, conscientious, hard-working Labor Secretary who chalked up a much better record since that post was established in the Cabinet than any of the politicians who preceded her.

During the time Frances Perkins was in Washington, the greatest program of social legislation in the nation's history was written into the law; and Madam Secretary staunchly supported every worthwhile bill introduced in Congress, even though independent bureaus were established to administer them rather than put them under the Department of Labor where they actually belonged.

Among these laws were the Wagner Act, Wage-Hour Law, Apprenticeship Training Program, Walsh-Healy Act, Sound Banking Laws, Home Owners Loan Corp., Relief Laws, Child Labor Laws, Crop Control Laws, U. S. Conciliation Service, Social Security and Old Age Survivors Act, Emergency Maternity and Infant Care Program, the CCC and many other wholesome laws benefiting the common man.

In behalf of the workers of America, we express our appreciative thanks to Frances Perkins for a job well-done. We wish her a well deserved rest in her retirement to private life.

**A. F. L. FAVORS
"WAGE" RAISE
FOR CONGRESS**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Before adjourning its Spring session, the AFL Executive Council went on record unanimously in favor of increased compensation for members of Congress.

The council, which previously has increased the basic pay

had urged Congress to approve legislation to increase the pay of classified government employees, felt that Congressmen also deserve relief from increased living costs. The House of Representatives already has approved a bill to allow each of its members \$2,500 a year extra for "expenses." This money would be tax-exempt. The Senate is expected to broaden the measure to include its own members, as well.

[Yet some of our congressmen fight the workers when they ask for a wage raise or better conditions.—Ed.]

**P.F.C. JAMES F. KINLEY WRITES
LABOR JOURNAL FROM GERMANY**

Germany, May 4, 1945

Hi, Mr. Witter:
Well how's things in the good old home town? Boy I sure would love to see you and Mrs. Witter. Well, it looks as if the war might be over, for at the present time it sure is quite around this place, with no shooting going on and no bullets to dodge, and I sure have dodged them so far. Boy, it has been a pleasure to come three thousand miles to fight these Germans but it was tough on my old feet chasing them over these mountains. O, yes, the other day eight boys and myself were going over a mountain side and ran into four or five Jerries and we got into position and started shooting, and up went their white flag, they came out, and about five hundred more. Boy, there wasn't but nine of us Yanks, and we were scared. Their Captain didn't want to give up to privates, so one of the boys told him he was a Captain. Did I laugh? So we finally got them back to our company. Well Mr. Witter, I think before going to the South Pacific that the War Department might give me a short leave so I can come and see the folks around the old Labor Journal office. After all, it has been twenty months over here for me and no furlough or leave. So, tell Mrs. Witter I am the same old boy as when I left the office and I am always thinking of her. Give all the folks around the office my very best regards, and I hope to see them soon. From the "fighting" Kinley boy, "Old Red."

JAMES T. KINLEY.

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**BIG BUSINESS
"ORGAN" HITS
LOW BENEFITS
FOR JOBLESS**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—One of the nation's leading management publications, "Business Week", has come out in support of labor's contention that unemployment insurance benefits in 45 states are far too low to tide workers over the postwar economic let-down. "Business Week" estimated that average benefits will amount to

less than \$15 a week, and that, because of disqualifications of one kind or another, only one-third of those actually idle will be able to draw compensation under state systems.

27,500 FANS ARE AUTHORIZED

WASHINGTON, — Assignment of authorizations to 10 manufacturers for production of 27,500 propeller-type electric fans for essential military, hospital and industrial purposes in the second quarter of 1945 was reported by WPB. Production authorizations in the first quarter of 1945 totaled 33,565. None of the fans authorized for production will be available for home or office use.

**A. F. OF L. ACTORS
ENTERTAIN VETS
HOSPITALIZED**

CHICAGO.—More than 100 members of the Chicago local of American Federation of Radio Artists (AFRA) are participating in shows at veterans hospitals sponsored by the Red Cross. Handling the shows for the Red Cross is the United Theatrical War Activities Committee. Some 60 actors are appearing in shows sponsored by Stage for Action Inc., which got its start in New York and has since been organized here.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Demands for wage increases to make up for the loss of overtime and the decline of "take-home" pay were made by the executive council of the International Association of Machinists at a meeting here. The Machinists group also voiced strong opposition to peacetime compulsory conscription.


**AFL COUNCIL
TO MEET AUG. 6
IN CHICAGO**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The next meeting of the AFL Executive Council will open in Chicago Aug. 6 and continue for 2 weeks. At this session, the council will draft its report to the 65th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor which is scheduled to start on Oct. 1, also in Chicago. Because of transportation difficulties, union officials planning to attend either of these meetings are cautioned to "make railroad and hotel reservations well in advance."

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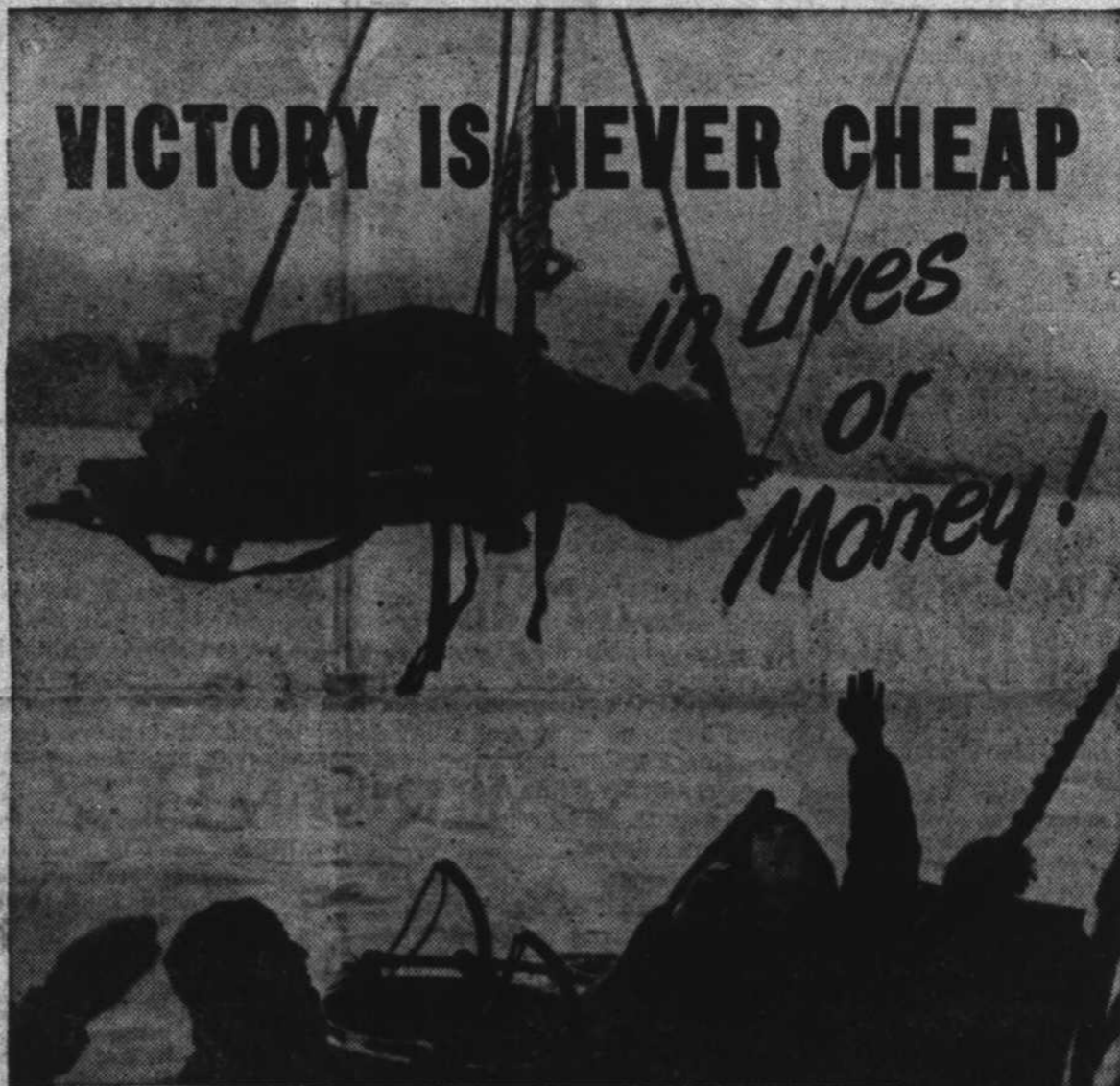
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