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### SCOGGINS RESIGNS RATION BOARD POSITION AFTER THREE YEARS OF EFFICIENT AND FAITHFUL SERVICE

J. A. Scoggins, prominent in civic and labor circles, has resigned his position as chief clerk of the Mecklenburg Price and Rationing Boards, after having served nearly three years faithfully and efficiently. Mr. Scoggins is a vice-president of the State Federation of Labor, former president of Charlotte Central Labor Union for many years, and connected with the Duke Power Company, holding a responsible position in the electrical department.



J. A. SCOGGINS

The Journal is reproducing a story regarding the resignation, etc., from the Charlotte Observer, of Tuesday, May 29: Resignation of J. A. Scoggins as chief clerk of the Mecklenburg price and rationing boards was announced yesterday after Mr. Scoggins had written his letter of resignation to E. B. Dudley, general chairman of the local price and rationing organization.

Mr. Dudley indicated that the vacancy in the local price and rationing personnel will be filled in a short time as soon as final decision is made on the man to take Mr. Scoggins' place.

The resignation of the chief clerk removes one of the real veterans from the price and rationing organization in Mecklenburg. When the first rationing board was appointed in January 1942, Mr. Scoggins was one of the original members.

For almost three years he devoted practically his full time to the difficult and thankless tasks of a volunteer price and rationing official. He did this while continuing his work with the Duke Power company.

In October 1942 Mr. Scoggins agreed to accept the chairmanship of the whole price and rationing organization and held that unpaid position until about five months ago when he was made chief clerk, succeeding R. A. Thorneburg, who was moved into the district OPA headquarters.

In taking the post of chief clerk Mr. Scoggins was granted

### "FIGHT - WORK - SAVE" OUT OF EVERY PAY ENVELOPE BUY WAR BONDS



THE A. F. OF L. STANDS WITH AND FOR THE FLAG

### MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES IN SHOPS AND FACTORIES TO OFFER UP A SILENT PRAYER

A. F. of L. President William Green has issued a Memorial Day message urging workers to honor all heroes who have fallen in this war—both on the battle front and the production line. He reminds us that, "In graves located in remote sections of Europe, in the South Pacific and in the depths of oceans rests the remains of Americans who have given their lives for preservation of freedom and justice. Also, we must not forget those who worked with us and gave their lives as members of the army of production."

Continuing, he points out that Christians and Jews, Protestants and Catholics, Whites and Negroes have all made the supreme sacrifice together, and therefore Decoration Day observances should be of an interfaith and interracial nature.

In line with President Green's message, the A. F. of L.'s Labor League for Human Rights has sent Local Unions and Central Bodies suggestions for brief, appropriate ceremonies in plants, shops and factories:

1. Management should be invited to cooperate.
2. Memorial services should be held down to from 15 to 20 minutes.
3. Clergymen representing the Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faiths should be invited to participate. A brief address should be delivered by a union leader, stressing the need for winning the war and the peace, and emphasizing Labor's contribution.
4. A plaque should be unveiled or a scroll read, containing the names of all workers of the given shop, plant or union local who have made the supreme sacrifice.
5. Returned war veterans, particularly those formerly working in the plant, should be invited as guests of honor.
6. The services should be brought to a close by the singing of

### TOURING UNIONISTS SHOCKED BY SIGHT OF ATROCITIES AT A NAZI TORTURE CAMP

PRES. DURKIN, OF PLUMBERS, GIVES LIFE TO G. I.,  
DISCOVERS IT'S HIS SON

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Eight union leaders, back from a harrowing tour of the European war zones, where they witnessed the dramatic, final aspects of V-E Day, reported experiences which made their blood run cold with horror and others which moved them to tears.

The most terrible episode of their 16-day trip was a visit to the notorious Buchenwald concentration camp, where they saw the dead victims of Nazi torture piled in heaps and the living survivors walking around like skeletons.

An incident of an entirely different sort took place when the unionists landed at Orly Airfield, outside Paris, after their flight from this country. President Martin Durkin, of the United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters, discovered that his own son was stationed at the field, but had just left on a pass for Paris.

Disappointed at missing his boy, Mr. Durkin climbed into an Army car with the other union leaders for the drive to the French capital. A few miles down the road stood a G. I. "thumping" a lift to town. The car stopped and the soldier was told to get into the back seat. As he did so, Mr. Durkin and the boy recognized each other. Their joy at this unexpected and almost unbelievable meeting affected the entire party.

During their subsequent travels, the union representatives saw the Nor-

leave of absence of six months by the Duke Power company. His leave ends June 30, and he explained yesterday that he feels that he should now return to his regular work.

He expressed his appreciation for the co-operation which he has received during his long term in various capacities with the local price and ration boards and expressed his willingness to serve the organization on a voluntary basis in the event his services may be needed in the future.

### LAUNDRY WORKERS GO ON STRIKE, ASKING FOR UNION RECOGNITION; SECOND DAY SEES NO CHANGE

Today, Thursday, saw the second day of the Laundry Workers strike, involving around 700 employees, in full swing. E. L. Abercrombie, of Atlanta, Ga., Southern director for the Laundry Workers International Union, who is in charge of the organization in Charlotte, says that the workers are holding firm in their fight for union recognition.

George Everett, head of the United State Employment Service has been notified by the Laundry Workers Union that a labor dispute exists between the Laundries and the Union, and has asked that no labor be referred to the laundries during the period of the strike.

W. C. Campbell, assistant regional labor advisor of the Office of Price Administration, Atlanta, reported that his office was "in no way involved in the strike action." He stated that he had made a routine investigation of the dispute but that the OPA had "no complaint" to make against the union, nor had the union "any complaint against the OPA."

Abercrombie predicted Wednesday that "the longer the strike goes on the tougher it's going to be. We have assured the chief of police," he added, "that there will be no violence."

There was indication that the strike might spread from the plants involved in the AFL strike order to plants in which no labor organization has been attempted, according to Abercrombie.

Apparently unaffected by the strike were Julians Laundry and Cleaning, North State Laundry, Mecklenburg Laundry Co.

Seth Brewer, a government Labor conciliator, also has been in Charlotte the past few days looking over the situation, states that no change has taken place in regard to the strike and that he saw no immediate prospect of an agreement. The Workers representatives claim that all effort to obtain an audience with the proprietors either individually or collectively have failed, up to Thursday morning.

There has been no disorder in connection with the strike, and none is expected. It is a orderly fight for recognition of the workers as a bargaining unit.

### A. F. OF L. WOMEN SAY COST OF LIVING INCREASE IS A CUT IN THE WORKERS' WAGE

The Executive Committee of the American Federation of Women's Auxiliaries of Labor, meeting in Washington, D. C. May 17 and 18, 1945, adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Every increase in prices is a wage cut; and WHEREAS, It is possible to maintain a reasonable standard of living and assure people of a fair share of the goods available at a fair price only by proper controls; be it

RESOLVED, By the American Federation of Women's Auxiliaries of Labor, representing the viewpoint of two and one-half million members, that we lend our wholehearted support to the Office of Price Administration and urge the continuance of price control and rationing during the present emergency and as long as necessary after peace is declared to prevent wholesale inflation; be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge all officials and members of the American Federation of Women's Auxiliaries of Labor to write their respective United States Senators and Representatives at Washington, D. C. to support the Extension of the Price Control Act, with no crippling amendments, and with sufficient appropriation for adequate enforcement of the law.

### GREEN HOPES TO SEE LABOR UNITY AGAIN

WASHINGTON — Despite all obstacles in the way, the AFL has not given up its efforts to weld the labor

movement under one banner. So declared President William Green in an address.

For the sake of a "united America" to help President Truman lead the nation to "victory in the war" and an "enduring peace," all arms of labor should join now, Green urged.

"There can be no united America without a united labor movement," he declared.

songs carrying the message of the brotherhood of men. This newspaper adds its own recommendation to those of President Green and the Labor League for Human Rights. If the suggestions as given cannot be followed, then a moment of silence in memory of our dead soldiers and workers can be observed in groups, or individually.

### North Carolina War Bond Champs To Win Model "Jeeps"



Miniature "Jeeps", shown in the picture with a real Jeep, will be awarded as prizes throughout North Carolina for outstanding bond selling jobs in the state during the Seventh War Loan Drive. Exact scale replicas of the war Jeep manufactured by Willys-Overland Motors, the models were built especially for use in the campaign by wounded servicemen at Army convalescent centers. The auto company supplied the hospitals with the materials and paid the veterans for each model they produced.

### THE MARCH OF LABOR

IT WASN'T UNTIL 1820...

IN THE PAST 25 YEARS MAN-HOURS PER 100 UNITS OF OUTPUT HAVE DECLINED TO A POINT WHERE ONLY HALF AS MANY MEN ARE NOW REQUIRED TO TURN OUT A GIVEN QUANTITY OF PRODUCTION

BUY BONDS - NOW AND EVERY WEEK!

...THAT AMERICAN UNIONS INCLUDED FACTORY WORKERS, MOST OF WHOM WERE WOMEN.

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37 STATES PERMIT BOYS UNDER 12 IN STREET TRADES.

EVERY TIME YOU INSIST ON THE UNION LABEL YOU STRIKE A BLOW IN BEHALF OF ORGANIZED LABOR. THIS IS THE UNION HAT LABEL