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THE CHARLOTTE LABOR JOURNAL ADVOCATES LOYALTY TO THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR; PROMOTION OF INDUSTRIAL PROSPERITY, AND CO-OPERATION OF ALL WORKERS ALONG EVERY LINE.

FIRED JACKSON COPS ARE HAPPIER AS JURY OKAYS THEIR A. F. OF L. UNIONS

JACKSON, Miss.—A policeman's life here is now less unhappy because a jury of workers, businessmen and farmers decided unanimously that members of the local police force have the right to join the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, an AFL union.

The policemen, who organized a local union a year ago, were fired by the Chief of Police for refusing to obey the City Commission's orders to resign from the union.

The issues in the court test were whether the policemen were guilty of insubordination and whether they had committed an act tending to injure the public service by joining the union in the first place.

Arnold Zander, president of the AFL international union, testified that his organization has a strict no-strike policy for police locals and that fifty such locals, composed entirely of policemen had been organized in various cities.

In a previous trial, held without a jury, Circuit Court Judge Gillespie ruled against the policemen. The Mississippi Supreme Court, on appeal, ordered a new trial before a jury. City attorneys said they would appeal the new verdict.

Proof was introduced at the trial that city officials had not protested against formation of the union until a "citizens committee," organized by local businessmen, went to the mayor and objected.

A. F. OF L. MEN ON NAVY TOUR ASK FOR GREATER OUTPUT TO SAVE AMERICAN LIVES

WASHINGTON—The most up-to-date equipment obtainable is needed in great quantities to shorten the war against Japan and save American lives, in the opinion of 10 leaders of American labor who recently returned from a month's tour of the Pacific War area, a Navy Department release reports.

The labor representatives, including three from the A.F.L., traveled thousands of miles, from the rear areas right up to the fighting fronts, interviewed high Navy and Army leaders including Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz and General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, and spent two days at active combat fronts.

The labor officials are more convinced than ever before on the tremendous job that lies ahead in the Pacific—the job of fighting, of maintaining the flow of supplies, and of producing those supplies on the home front.

The newest and best equipment is vital, the labor men reported. "The ingenious mechanical tools and engines of war delivered to the fighting fronts and to the courageous and ingenious hands of our soldiers, sailors and Marines, are shortening the war and saving countless American lives," they said in a joint statement.

Two messages were brought to the American people at home by the delegation. One was that they may have complete confidence in the ability and integrity of our top commanders in the Pacific and in the soundness of their judgment and strategy. The second was that sailors, soldiers and Marines have expressed appreciation of the production record at home, and ask that this tremendous support be continued to meet all the requirements of the war remaining to be fought.

In their travels, which took them from Pearl Harbor to Guam and Iwo, to the Philippines, through islands which have made history to Guadalcanal, and back again, the delegation saw at first hand the tremendous extent of the war and the huge problems it imposes on both the men fighting and those producing the materials necessary to gain superiority.

"Our Armies and Navies fighting overseas are completely dependent on production at home," they reported. "The task of supplying armies and navies fighting at great distances from the continental United States, with the hundreds of thousands of items required for efficient, modern warfare, is unbelievably complex."

AFL representatives who made the trip were Roy M. Brown, Vice-President, IAM; Thomas Crowe, Vice-President, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders and Helpers of America, and Thomas A. Rotell, Assistant Secretary, Bay City Metal Trades Council.

THE WLB OKAYS MEAT CUTTERS-PACKERS PACT

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The War Labor Board approved agreements between the AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Swift and Armour pack-

ing firms, covering wage adjustments for tools, clothes and plant inequities. Union sources said the 10,000 workers involved would share in wage increases estimated as high as 17 million dollars.

The agreements were negotiated as a result of a War Labor Board directive of February 20, which told the companies to work out with the unions the amounts to be allowed for work clothes, sharpening tools, etc.

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



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

PRESIDENT GREEN'S COMMENT ON SCHWELLENBACH, TO SUCCEED MADAM PERKINS AS SEC. OF LABOR

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President William Green of the American Federation of Labor issued the following comment on the appointment by President Truman of Lewis B. Schwellenbach as Secretary of Labor:

"We regard Judge Schwellenbach as a most capable and well-qualified man to serve. He showed that he possessed a very clear understanding of labor and labor's problems when he served in the United States Senate. His record there was excellent from a labor point of view. We look forward to his service as Secretary of Labor with a feeling of confidence and satisfaction and will gladly cooperate with him as fully and completely as possible."

"In addition to that, we are going to urge that he take steps to consolidate within the Labor Department all the agencies of government that deal with labor problems and labor questions and in that way to expand the service of the Labor Department."

"We hope that he may set up an advisory committee so that we may serve with him and cooperate with him in his work as Secretary of Labor."

A PLEA TO A. F. OF L. WORKERS TO PURCHASE WAR BONDS TO THE LIMIT, AND, TO HOLD THEM

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 5.—The following statement of Charles J. MacCowan, Int'l President, Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders and Helpers Union, A.F.L., has recently released the following statement in the interests of continued War Bond support:

"What is America? Did you ever stop long enough to ask yourself that question? To some it might mean the hustle and bustle of a busy city; the songs of Stephen Foster; the sound of the sea breaking on the rock-bound coast of Maine; fields of cotton in Dixie; the broad expanse of the Mississippi; the rolling plains of the West with their fields of ripening grain; the grandeur of the Golden Gate; the snowy mantle atop Mt. Hood or a thousand and one other simple things that constitute a great nation.

"So many of us just accept these things. We take them for granted. They are what we believe to be our God given right—but what are we doing to preserve them?

"Ask the boys on disease infested New Guinea or the wind swept desolation of the Aleutians the same question. Theirs might be even a simpler definition. To them it might mean attending a game on a Sunday afternoon; Coney Island on a hot Summer day; cutting the grass on their own front yards or many other things of that nature.

"The difference lies in not what our definition might be but rather in what we are doing to preserve these things. We are all firm believers in the 'Four Freedoms' and that Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness are the inalienable right of every freedom loving American. Are these but a play of words or a patriotic jargon of high sounding phrases which you accept albeit you do not fully understand just what they mean?

"Not so the soldier, the sailor and other members of our a.m.d. forces. They are fighting to preserve these things—even to laying down their lives in making the supreme sacrifice. You no doubt would be willing to do the same thing but for various reasons you have not been called upon to do so.

"The people on the Home Front

LAUNDRY STRIKERS FIRED UPON BY A LAUNDRY EXECUTIVE ON TUESDAY AT NEW WAY PLANT

The following, which appears to be an impartial piece of reporting, appeared in Wednesday morning's Observer, and is reproduced. The strikers, as a whole have been orderly, and Organizer Abercrombie, regional director of the Laundry Workers International Union, A.F. of L., has handled the situation in a competent way, warning the workers against any demonstration other than along peaceful lines:

(Charlotte Observer, Wednesday, June 6th)

Buckshot fired allegedly, from a gun in the hands of Robert B. Kephart, owner of the New Way Laundry, about 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon struck three persons, according to a city police report, and resulted in his arrest on three counts of an assault with a deadly weapon involving infliction of serious injury, marking a violent development in the six-day-old strike of production employees of these laundry and dry cleaning firms. These firms now number nine.

A Negro man and two Negro girls were hit by slugs from a 12-gauge shotgun discharged by Kephart, officers charged, and they were subsequently dismissed from Good Samaritan hospital when their wounds were said not to be serious, the Observer was informed.

The three casualties were listed as Charlie Spearman of 919 East Ninth street, Johnnie Mae Ervin of 423 East Sixth street, and Hattie Williams of 1106 East Hill street.

HOME ALSO STRUCK.

Investigating officers arrested Kephart in his office after he was alleged to have fired repeatedly into a group of people, including striking laundry employees, in front of the plant, which is at 935 East Ninth street. Another allegation was that a number of the buckshot found lodgement in a residence across the street, the home of Mrs. Sam Bolin, at 932 East Ninth street.

Some of the buckshot became embedded in the home occupied by the Bolin family, and 27 of the shot were removed and taken to police headquarters, the report by investigating officers continued. Some of them were said to have struck a wall a short distance above a bed in which two children were resting at the time of the gunfire.

Kephart was placed in the city jail.

SAYS LIFE THREATENED.

At the same time he said that he received a threat against his life around 9 o'clock yesterday morning. "I got an anonymous telephone call," he recounted, "Do you think much of your life?" I was asked, and when I replied affirmatively I got this response, 'Well, if you do, you'd better get to hell out of here by in the morning.' He refused to tell me his name. Of course I'll be here in the morning; I am not planning to go anywhere."

Asserting that he was confident that the strike would "extend to one or two more local laundries in the next few days," the union official said that the Charlotte Central Labor union and the North Carolina State Federation of Labor are being asked for "indorsement of the strike," which began last Wednesday morning when many production workers failed to report for work in plants of seven local laundry and dry cleaning firms. Two others have become affected since then.

"Today," he continued, "I was assured of the support, financial and otherwise, of international headquarters of the union. This assurance was given me in a long distance conversation with Sam J. Byers at our international headquarters, in Indianapolis."

Inability of the union to induce the laundry and dry cleaning plant owners to recognize the union "or even to discuss it" was assigned by union officials as the cause of the strike. The nine firms with production workers on strike are Arrow Laundry, Charlotte Laundry, Inc., Domestic Laundry, Inc., Julian's Laundry and Cleaning, Model Laundry company, Inc., New Way Laundry, Sanitary Laundry, Inc., Wright's Laundry and Cleaning company, McCorkle's Cleaners and Dyers.

A bee stings because some one steals "his honey" and "nectar."

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552	222						
BLUE STAMPS							
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KLMN	OPQR	THRU JULY 31					
222	222						
QRSTU	VWXYZ	FROM MAY 1					
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36 SUGAR	FROM MAY 1						
	THRU AUG. 31						

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THE MARCH OF LABOR

IN WESTERN TEXAS AND IN SOME OF THE BOTTOM-LAND AREAS OF ARKANSAS THERE ARE PATCH-CROPPERS WHO PRODUCE THE CROPS, BUT DO NOT HARVEST THE OWNER'S SHARE, AND WHO RECEIVE THE CROPS ON SPECIFIC TRACTS, WHICH THEY HARVEST AS THEIRS.

AMONG THE FIRST UNIONS TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT WAS THE PHILADELPHIA SHOEMAKERS, WHICH SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH A COMMITTEE OF EMPLOYERS IN 1799.

STICK TO YOUR WAR JOB AND BUY BONDS!

A 1916 FEDERAL LAW TO REGULATE CHILD LABOR WAS DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL ON THE GROUND THAT CONGRESS' POWER OVER INTERSTATE COMMERCE DID NOT EXTEND TO REGULATION OF CHILD LABOR.

A UNION HEAD DESERVES A UNION HAT. LOOK FOR THIS UNION LABEL IN YOUR NEXT HAT.