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AFL HERO ASKS UNIONS GET DISABLED SICK LEAVE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—As an AFL union member, a soldier whose leg was smashed to pulp by a German bomb offered a constructive suggestion whereby organized labor can assist disabled veterans in collective bargaining with employers.

From his bed at Walter Reed General Hospital here, Private Andrew J. Owens frankly admitted he is somewhat worried. Before the war he worked for the Boston Elevated Railway as did five other members of his family, all members of the Amalgamated Street and Electric Railway Employees Union.

Despite the amputation of a leg, Private Owens expects to go back to work soon after he is discharged from the hospital. He is married, has two children and his wife expects another soon.

Here is his problem, as he himself stated it: "The firm I work for is swell. They gave a banquet for me when I was home on furlough and they want me back when I am out of service. But my leg is off almost to the hip. There may be some days when I can't get in to work. If I have to be out more than other men, will they decide to give my job to somebody who still has both legs?"

As a solution, Private Owens suggests that the AFL unions obtain sick leave for disabled veterans who may need it, similar to the fifteen-day sick leave which the Federal Government allows each year for its employees.

"Understand, I'm not asking to loaf," Owens explained. "I like to work. But I would feel better if I had an arrangement like that. I would like to have it on paper, so that if my leg's bothering me and I can't get in to work, it wouldn't be held against me.

"I've got my family to think of. I'd like the AFL to help me protect them."

In publishing this heroic soldier's suggestion, the AFL brings this problem of disabled veterans to the attention of its unions in the hope that it will be given serious consideration.

'POOR GERMANS', SAY GERMANS

A Missouri congressman has opened the long expected pro-German campaign for a soft peace. He says we should not be harsh with the poor Germans. Their only crime against us was the killing, wounding and torturing of half a million American boys.

They killed many more Russians than that. And many more Englishmen and Frenchmen and Scandinavians. So why should we be sore over only half a million?

The congressman can't understand it. He says that those who advocate punishment of the Germans to fit their crimes are following Jewish advice. And he quotes the Bible and Henry Morgenthau to prove it.

What we should do, according to this man from Missouri, is to "turn the other cheek." In other words, let them sock us again.

But we tried that once, Mr. Congressman! Don't you remember 1918? We had another war with Germany then. And after that war we did exactly what you tell us to do now. We turned the other cheek. And what happened? We got knocked on our fanny.

Half a million American boys were

killed, wounded and tortured for the second time in a single generation.

And now this man suggests that we try it again. He combines his pro-German campaign with an anti-Jewish campaign, which is strictly logical from a German point of view.

But when he attempts to gloss over the hideous atrocities of the German concentration camps, he needs more than a German point of view.

He forgets we have all seen the ghastly pictures of what the Germans did to their captives. But still he tries to divert our attention from the Germans by arousing our prejudice against the Jews.

That's old stuff, Mr. Congressman. Maybe it will work in your Missouri congressional district. A district that would elect a German apologist might be influenced by German propaganda.

But as far as the rest of the country is concerned, it is not going to fall for the myth of the "peace loving Germans" again.

Both our cheeks are scarred by the mailed fist of imperial and ruthless Germany. We haven't any more cheeks to turn, Mr. Congressman!—International Teamster.

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



ORGANIZED LABOR OF N. C., AND OF THE ENTIRE NATION, MEET OUR JUNIOR U. S. SENATOR — "YOUR FRIEND!"

(From The Charlotte News, Wednesday, July 4th)

Washington Statement SENATOR HOEY CALLS FOR ANTI-STRIKE LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Legislation to deal with the strike situation is going to be necessary, declares Sen. Clyde R. Hoey.

In a statement Sen. Hoey said, "it is unthinkable that we shall continue to permit the whole routine of business to be disrupted by strikes, both authorized and unauthorized, and the public denied the essentials of life because of some real or imaginary grievance and because of differences between contending forces."

The former North Carolina Governor said, "It is necessary to have laws to control monopoly in business, but it is equally essential to have laws to control monopoly in labor. I have only contempt for a law that can control a Sewell Avery but stands helpless before a James Pettillo or a John Lewis."

Sen. Hoey stated he is studying a proposed bill known as the "Hatch-Ball-Burton Bill, which seeks to rewrite our Federal statutes governing labor relations." Because a "law so biased in provisions and enforcement as the National Labor Relations Act ought not to remain unchanged on our statute books."

He asserted, "The present law ignores entirely the rights of workers who do not belong to unions, and discriminates against them, as well as employers." He said it has been enforced to give the public the impression that the board is "merely an adjunct of the labor unions."

It is time, he said, for a new law changing policy so that employers and unions would be treated alike and the "rights of workers who are not unionized should be adequately protected."

TRUMAN SIGNING OPA EXTENSION LAW, SEES NEED OF PRICE CONTROL

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In signing the new bill giving the OPA another year's lease on life, President Truman emphasized that price controls will have to be continued into the post-war period to prevent inflation.

Organized labor waged a long and successful fight to protect the OPA act from crippling amendments designed to open the door to profiteering at the expense of the nation's wage earners.

In this connection, President Truman said:

"The renewal of the statute without weakening amendments gives the country reassurance that the fight against inflation will be carried on during the difficult year that lies ahead. We shall have need for stabilization, not only in finishing the war, but in solving the problems of reconversion which we are already confronting.

"I congratulate the Congress on having enacted a sound, and well con-

sidered statute. Under it perplexing problems of food supply can be met and the stabilization and reconversion programs can be successfully carried forward. I am glad that Congress did not disturb the existing arrangements for coordinating these programs and for settling differences among the agencies. I congratulate the stabilization agencies. They have enforcing controls during a critical emergency. They have served us loyally and well.

"We must always remember that it is the war—not these agencies—which is responsible for shortages and hardships. I am confident that the public will support the stabilization program with renewed vigor. Every one of us must refrain from making unnecessary purchases of scarce goods and every one of us must put as many of his dollars as possible into war bonds. In this way we can speed the day of victory and make sure that peace will bring a sound and lasting prosperity."

WAR DEPARTMENT GIVES LABOR CREDIT FOR HELP RENDERED TO ATTAIN OKINAWA VICTORY

OKINAWA — The American flag hangs high over the steep escarpments of this blood-soaked island to signalize our military victory and the U. S. soldiers, sailors, marines and Seabees who defeated the Japs are now getting a well-earned breathing spell before jumping off on the next invasion.

The War Department, in analyzing the struggle for the capture of this island, graciously declared that credit for the victory is shared by the union workers at home who produced mountainous supplies of fighting equipment and shipped it here to back up the fighting forces. The official announcement told the following story of the supplies needed to overcome this formidable Jap fortress:

The first 30 days of the Okinawa campaign called for more than 250,000,000 pounds of equipment—which is 350,000 pounds for every hour of those first 30 days. Food to the tune of 50,000 tons anticipated for Army consumption in the assault and early occupation, Garand automatic rifles, machine guns, 37-mm. antitank guns and heavy artillery and millions of rifle and machine gun bullets arrived from America in mighty sea-going caravans to the Jap defended islands.

"But a reserve of weapons for replacements—tanks, artillery, machine

guns and mortars had to be ready. New rifle stocks for split ones, new armor replacing the charred steel body of a tank, and countless spare artillery parts had to be on hand. Rubber treads, carbine barrels, sights, breeches for field pieces, firing pins, even watch springs were ready. Enough armament to form a solid steel war more than a mile long—including 60 and 81 mm. mortars, 105 and 155 mm howitzers and 155 mm guns were resupplied.

"Tank-mounted flame guns played a major part in searing caves and crevices and in burning up Jap's combustible stores. Ship-based tough, maneuverable mortars were used by Landing Craft Infantry who lobbed shells up and down coastline areas not reached by ordinary artillery, filling the interval between the cessation of naval gun-fire and the first bursts of our landbased artillery.

"The job of reconstruction by helmeted, bare-waisted Army men has already started, and relief from incessant, fierce and bloody fighting is almost complete on this island. But there is other fighting to be done, and the mountains of supply must continue to move from America's war plants to Pacific fighting points until the last Jap resistance is quieted."

Citizenship?— "Just Rot," Says Sewell Avery

ST. LOUIS (LPA)—Sewell Avery's contempt for democratic ideas and the social responsibility of American business was given an editorial roasting here last week by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

At Montgomery Ward's annual meeting in Chicago one stockholder declared, "Some of us are more interested in the responsibility of citizenship than in the profits of the company."

"That's just rot," Avery shot back. The Post-Dispatch declared "It might have been 'just rot' so far as the election of directors was con-

cerned, for Avery won handily. But it isn't 'just rot' so far as most Americans are concerned.

"This is not the first time Sewell Avery has shown his contempt for the idea that the business man should be concerned with the responsibility of citizenship. It is because of this feudalistic outlook that he has been termed the worst foe of the free-enterprise system.

"Responsibility of citizenship may be 'just rot' to Sewell L. Avery, but it is a matter of deep devotion to the great masses of the people."

The optimist tries to paint the clouds with sunshine; the pessimist carries an umbrella. P. S.—The optimist gets soaked much oftener than the pessimist.

LABOR—U. S. A.

For the rest of this year, the AFL presents each Saturday evening at 6:45 P.M., EWT, over the nation-wide network of the American Broadcasting Company a radio news-magazine featuring the latest news at home and abroad and special reports by expert commentators on important labor problems. This program is listed in the radio columns of your newspaper as "Labor-U.S.A." Our own subtitle for the program is "The American Federationist of the Air." Don't miss these bright, newsy broadcasts! Make a date to listen every Saturday night!

UNITED NATIONS FACTS

DOGS OF WAR!
AMERICA'S FAMOUS SLED DOGS AND DRIVERS WON NEW FAME AS MEMBERS OF THE AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND'S ARCTIC SEARCH & RESCUE SECTION, WHEN THEY RESCUED WOUNDED FROM THE SNOWBOUND BELGIAN BATTLE-FIELDS.

LIDICE WON'T FORGET!
THE CENTRAL POINT OF THE NEW LIDICE WILL BE A MEMORIAL OF THE INNOCENT VICTIMS DESIGNED BY A CZECH-SLOVAK SCULPTOR IN THE UNITED STATES.

FLYING INTERNATIONAL!
FRENCH FLYERS IN AMERICAN PLANES HAVE BEEN FIGHTING BESIDE SOVIET FORCES IN EAST PRUSSIA.

THE COMMON POOL

By RUTH TAYLOR

If I were to make a plea for a better Anglo-American understanding, the average person would look at me in surprise and wonder why I had taken to stating the obvious.

But it is because it is the obvious and the logical that we too often overlook the importance of standing together. We are more critical of Britain than we are of any of our Allies—just in the same way as we are more critical of our families than of our friends. We know them, we're proud of them and we expect more from them.

In the same spirit, we too often minimize what Britain has done in our hopes of what she would do. We overlook the fact that she was first in the war which was our war too. We overlook the year in which she fought alone against what seemed to be insurmountable odds. It was not until Hitler turned from his invasion attempts to attack Russia that the man power of that great nation was on her side, rather than on Hitler's. We too easily forget the bombings. We forget the privations, the losses that her citizens have known.

We talk of Lend-Lease and take the attitude we did all the giving. We forget the Common Pool of men and resources. Only our men on the battlefields know what that means.

Anglo-American understanding, as Lord Halifax said, is so much more than something we should merely want, or something for which, merely in our spare time, we ought to work. It is the first condition of true peace. It is at once the best and the last hope for the restoration of a war torn and wounded world.

We not only have a common language but we think alike on the basic principles of freedom. Not only is our code of laws based on the British, but their Magna Charta was the cornerstone of our own Bill of Rights, with all that it has meant to insure justice to all without regard to race, creed or color.

Now if never before, should we work together in our plans for peace. Not criticizing until we know the facts, but standing side by side, ready to swap differences of opinion and to come to a friendly understanding of each other's aims or problems.

In Noel Coward's words—

Our hope is unity
Do not destroy this hope with shallow words.
The future of the world is in our hands
If we remain together. All the lands
That long for freedom; all the starving herds
Of tortured Europe look to us to raise
Them from their slavery. Don't undermine
The values of our conflict with a line!

