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## WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL WORKERS OF THE SOUTH, LET US FACE THE FUTURE UNAFRAID

By GEORGE L. GOOGE.

ATLANTA, Ga.—Now that the task of conquering and destroying Dictatorship through defeat of the Axis Nation is an accomplished fact, let us of the American Federation of Labor of the South turn to the equally important task of winning the peace in the same spirit of patriotic devotion which prompted you to serve so loyally and faithfully in winning the war. Our first act, of course, is to express our reverent gratitude to Almighty God for the ending of this awful, cataclysmic war and its destruction of human life.

## UNEMPLOYMENT COMMISSION SETS HEARING DATE OF LDY. WORKERS

Hearings for approximately 500 Negro laundry workers in Charlotte who have been on strike for almost three months and have filed claims with the North Carolina Unemployment Compensation Commission will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of next week, William Heyward, commission claims deputy for the Charlotte area, announced Tuesday.

The commission will be represented by Bruce Billings, senior attorney from state headquarters in Raleigh, with Mr. Heyward presiding. E. L. Abercrombie is international representative of the Laundry Workers Union of America, A. F. of L., which is representing the strikers.

The hearings have been set for the civil courtroom in the Mecklenburg county courthouse, and Mr. Heyward said that he thought workers for each laundry will be given separate hearings. He will take testimony which will be transcribed, and, from this, the UCC will render a decision on the claims for payment at its next meeting, probably in early October.

## UTW Wins Fine Contract In The Bessemer Mills

BESSEMER CITY, N. C.—A contract was signed by the United Textile Workers of America with the Stevedan and Algodon Mills, winning the workers a five cents general increase and 55 cents minimum, five cents third shift differential and a weeks vacation with pay. These gains are subject to WLB approval and increases will be retroactive to July 23rd. Further negotiations are planned in the near future on wages to institute the "peg points" established by WLB. The contract also provides for maintenance of union membership, check-off of union dues, full job seniority, time and half for overtime and holiday work and for the sixth consecutive day work. In addition, the agreement calls for three hours reporting time, reopening of wage negotiations, work load control and elimination of inequities and inequalities. The U. T. W. was represented in negotiations by International Organizer Albert W. Cox, G. T. Hoyle, President of the Local, and Mrs. Winifred Lutz, Secretary Treasurer.

## ALA. ALUMINUM WORKERS ARE TIRED OF CIO

MOBILE, Ala.—With Examiner Whitaker of the NLRB conducting the hearing, ample evidence was presented, it is believed, by aluminum workers employed by the Aluminum Ore Company of this place to obtain an election for a new bargaining agency. The Steel Workers' of the CIO have been the bargaining rights here for some time, and it was in evidence before Mr. Whitaker that the workers are good and tired of what they call "misrepresentation," rather than representation. If an election is granted, it is believed that the aluminum workers will vote overwhelmingly for the American Federation of Labor. The Mobile Labor Movement is backing the workers to the limit, and the Mobile Labor Journal is lending most valuable support to the aluminum employees in their efforts to throw off the burden of the CIO yoke and get into the real Labor Movement of this community.

## Labor Commissioner Is Member Of Union

CHARLESTON, W. VA.—Charles J. F. Sattler, native of Wheeling and former president of the Ohio Valley Trades Assembly has been reappointed as State Labor Commissioner by Governor Clarence W. Meadows. Mr. Sattler was originally appointed to this important post by former Governor M. M. Neely in 1941, and has held the position efficiently ever since making money improvements in his department. He has long been identified with the A. F. of L. labor movement.

## THE VICTORY IS OURS



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

## SECURITY OF MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST

ROOSEVELT SAID: "Among our objectives, I place the security of the men, women and children of the Nation first." To assist those who are not covered by the social insurance programs, the Social Security Act provides cash allowances for needy old people, dependent children and needy blind. Through 1944, the Federal government had contributed well over \$2,500,000,000 to the States for this program. Some 2,000,000 old people, or about one elderly person in every five in our country, receives this help. A quarter of a million families get a monthly check for dependent children. 56,000 blind men and women receive an average monthly check of \$29.41 to help them meet their daily needs.

## THE MARCH OF LABOR

400,000 MOTHERS WITH  
CHILDREN UNDER 10 WERE  
EMPLOYED IN 1940.



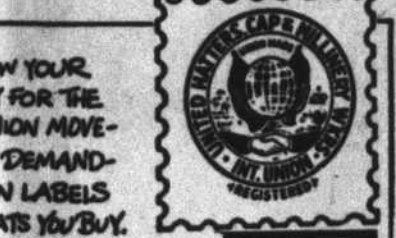
THE  
AVERAGE  
AGE OF  
WORKERS  
INCREASED  
FROM 27 IN  
1940 TO ABOUT  
40 IN 1944.

FOR OUR COUNTRY—  
BUY BONDS  
REGULARLY!!

YOU SHOW YOUR  
SYMPATHY FOR THE  
TRADE UNION MOVEMENT  
BY DEMANDING  
UNION LABELS  
IN THE HATS YOU BUY.



IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE MINE  
UNIONS, ORGANIZERS HAD THE  
GREATEST DIFFICULTY IN MAKING  
CONTACT WITH THE MINERS  
BECAUSE MANY COAL COMPANIES  
OWNED THE TOWNS, STREETS AND  
PUBLIC HIGHWAYS OF THE MINING  
CENTERS.



## THE BALL-BURTON-HATCH BILL IS CONDEMNED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY A. F. OF L. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

CHICAGO.—The AFL Executive Council launched an intensive campaign here for the defeat of the anti-labor Ball-Burton-Hatch bill in its entirety. The council declared there was nothing worth salvaging in the bill by the amendment process.

All local AFL groups were directed by the council to make personal calls upon their Congressmen and Senators during the congressional recess to acquaint them with labor's opposition to the measure. The council also directed that the AFL's national representatives appear at public hearings of congressional committees in the Fall to express their opposition in detail.

Text of the council's declaration on the subject follows:

"The executive council has determined to mobilize all the forces of the American Federation of Labor for the defeat of the Ball-Burton-Hatch bill.

"After considering a careful analysis of the provisions of this bill, presented by Joseph A. Padway, counsel is of the unanimous opinion that the measure is thoroughly obnoxious from its first section down to the last paragraph.

"Therefore, the executive council has decided that the policy of the American Federation of Labor will be to defeat the bill as a whole. No amendments will be offered. The objectionable feature of this proposed

legislation are so numerous and so closely interrelated that it would be impossible to remove them by amendments.

"In effect, the Ball-Burton-Hatch bill would destroy the fundamental freedoms of the nation's workers in the postwar period and prevent the progress of labor toward its goals of the future.

"The American Federation of Labor will organize its opposition to the bill on two fronts.

"In the first place, the American Federation of Labor's local representatives in every city and state of the nation will make personal calls upon their Congressmen and Senators during the congressional recess to let them know how strongly labor resents this measure.

"In the second place, national representatives of the American Federation of Labor will appear at public hearings before congressional committees in the Fall to present in detail labor's objections to the bill as a whole and to all of its provisions."

## A.F.L. TAKES STEPS TO ASSIST VETS IN GETTING FAIR BREAK WHEN THEY RETURN FROM THE SERVICE

CHICAGO.—The American Federation of Labor adopted a 4-point program by which organized labor can aid war veterans—and at the same time called upon the government to halt further inductions into the armed forces and bring the boys in uniform back home from overseas promptly.

After careful consideration, the AFL Executive Council decided that the following steps by labor would help service men get the fair break they want and deserve:

1—All central labor councils affiliated with the American Federation of Labor are hereby instructed to set up special committees to aid veterans to obtain jobs.

2—All affiliated national and international unions are urged to seek agreements with employers providing for training and employment of veterans on a fair and equitable basis.

3—In order not to penalize veterans for the time they spent in the nation's service, it shall be the policy of the American Federation of Labor to grant them accumulated seniority, just as though they had remained continuously in their former jobs.

4—The American Federation of Labor will support legislation to accord veterans full opportunities for education and training, to assist them to buy homes or to start in business and to provide them with the highest practical standards of unemployment compensation.

"America will welcome the returning veterans with open arms and a deep sense of obligation. Labor produced the weapons of war. The boys who are to return won the war with those weapons. They and we must win the peace together.

"The stalwart and self-reliant men who fought against the enemy want no special favors. All they ask and expect is an even break and the opportunity to make up for lost time. Labor is determined that they shall have it."

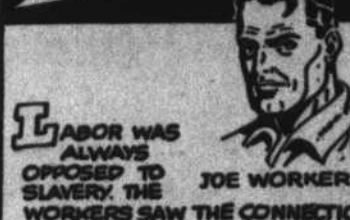
## AGREEMENT IS OBTAINED FOR TEXTILE UNION

ROCKMART, Ga.—An agreement has been entered into between Local Union No. 90, United Textile Workers of America, A. F. of L. and Good-year's Rockmart Rubber plant. The union won an election here recently, and the agreement was obtained through negotiations between the committee and management. An increase of five cents an hour across the board was obtained, together with shift differentials. Paid holidays and vacations also were included in the agreement.

## UTW Local In N. C. First To Win 10c Third Shift Bonus

BILTMORE, N. C.—In a trail blazing victory UTW Local 2598 at Sayles Biltmore Bleacheries won a 10 cents an hour third-shift bonus in negotiations with the management. Sayles Bleacheries is the first textile mill of this kind in the country to get a 10 cent bonus for the third shift. The Union also won 5 cents an hour increase. Both the shift premium and the wage gains have already been approved by the regional WLB.

## THE Story of Labor



LABOR WAS ALWAYS OPPOSED TO SLAVERY. THE WORKERS SAW THE CONNECTION BETWEEN HUMAN SLAVERY AND "NEGRO" SLAVERY. AS LONG AS NEGROES WERE ENSLAVED, "FREE" WHITE WORKERS, FORCED TO COMPETE WITH THEM, GOT STARVATION WAGES. SO THEY DIDN'T FALL FOR THE LINE OF THE SLAVE-OWNERS: TO LOOK UPON THE NEGRO, OR ANYONE ELSE... AS AN INFERIOR. WHEN THE CIVIL WAR CAME, THE WORKERS FOUGHT ON THE SIDE OF FREEDOM. THEY FOUGHT IN "BLEEDING" KANSAS; AT THE ROLLS TO ELECT ABRAHAM LINCOLN, ON EVERY BLOODY BATTLEFIELD, THEY DETERMINED NOT TO STOP UNTIL ALL... REGARDLESS OF RACE, RELIGION OR COLOR... WERE FREE TO WORK FOR WHOM THEY WANTED, AND TO GET DECENT WAGES FOR THEIR LABOR....



FOR DE LAWD'S SAKE, HELP ME GET T' CANADA AN' FREEDOM!  
IT'S AGAINST THE LAW TO HELP A RUNAWAY SLAVE. BESIDES, WHY SHOULD WE? NEGROES ARE AN INFERIOR RACE!  
JOE WORKER'S ARGUMENTS CONVINCED HIS FELLOWS THEY HELPED RUNAWAYS ESCAPE BY THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD....  
BLESS YOU BOTH, MASSAS!  
DON'T CALL US MASTERS! YOU WORK WITH YOUR HANDS SAME AS US, AND YOU'RE EQUAL WITH US. OFF TO CANADA NOW... AND FREEDOM!



DON'T SAY THAT, PLEASE! I TOLD MY FAULT THEY DRAGGED MY GRANDPAPPY HERE T' BE A SLAVE!  
I DUNNO! IF YOU BLACKS GET FREE, YOU'LL TAKE OUR JOBS AWAY!  
I TOLD HIM THAT!  
SLAVERY BECAME THE ISSUE IN 1860. ABE LINCOLN RAN FOR PRESIDENT.  
A HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF CAN NOT STAND! WE CANNOT ENDURE... HALF SLAVE, HALF FREE!  
THAT'S THE STUFF, ABE! I'M VOTING FOR YOU!



THAT'S WHAT YOUR EMPLOYER WANTS YOU TO THINK. YOU'RE COMPETING NOW! CAN A FREE WORKER GET \$2. A DAY WHEN SLAVE LABOR COSTS HIS MASTER ONLY 10 CENTS!  
LINCOLN WON, BUT IT TOOK A GREAT CIVIL WAR TO PROVE HIS POINT....  
WHEE! LEE'S SURRENDERED! NOW THE WAR'S OVER!  
IT'S ONLY BEGIN! WE MUST FIGHT ON UNTIL NO MAN IS DENIED HIS RIGHTS BECAUSE HE'S BLACK OR WHITE, JEW OR CHRISTIAN, NATIVE OR FOREIGN-BORN!