

J. P. LAWYER, LABOR REPRESENTATIVE OF WAR FINANCE DIVISION OF U. S. TREAS. SENDS LABOR MESSAGE

Mr. James P. Lawyer of Washington, D. C. is spending a few days in Charlotte, N. C. as Labor's representative of the War Finance Division of the U. S. Treasury, and submits the following message to Labor.

The citizenry of North Carolina can be justly proud of their record in the purchase of War Loan Bonds. In the 7th Drive, War Bonds to the amount of 226% of the states over-all quota were purchased. This record was equalled only by her sister state, Tennessee, and was surpassed by none.

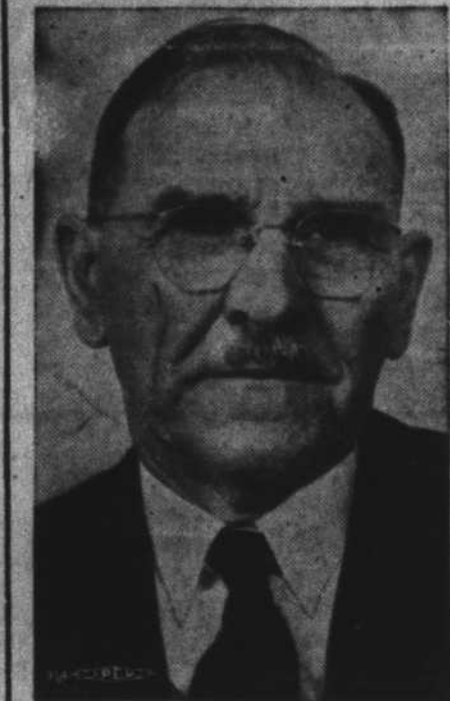
In bringing about this vast investment in War Bonds, labor played a very important part through payroll deductions, and by purchase for cash.

The day to which we have so long looked forward has arrived. The order to cease firing has been issued throughout the Pacific by both the enemy and allies. Today the chatter of small arms and machine guns has ceased, and the deep voiced heavy artillery is silent. Our mighty navy rests at anchor in numerous parts and the thousands of awe inspiring planes are grounded, and comparative silence pervades the island dotted Pacific.

While the task of winning the war has been brought to a victorious close, the equally important task of changing from a war to a peace economy still confronts us. The fighting forces must be brought home. The sick and wounded must have hospitalization, and employment must be furnished those who are able and willing to work.

Industries formerly engaged in the production of war materials will revert to the production of pre-war commodities and new industries will be established as rapidly as possible. But at best, there will be a period of unemployment for several millions of employable individuals. It is believed that Congress will help meet this emergency by an act sufficient to maintain a fair standard of living.

Organized Labor must bear the



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and raise the American high standard of living, thus showing just what American Democracy can do for its citizenry.

As in the prosecution of the war, Organized Labor will do its utmost to help establish a peace economy far above any that has ever existed on the face of the earth.

LABOR DAY STATEMENT BY SEC. LABOR L. B. SCHWELLENBACH

This Labor Day is a momentous and a solemn occasion. It is a day of thanksgiving for the success of our courageous men and women who have offered their all to preserve for us the priceless opportunities and blessings of a democratic society. It is also a day of reflection and a day of dedication.

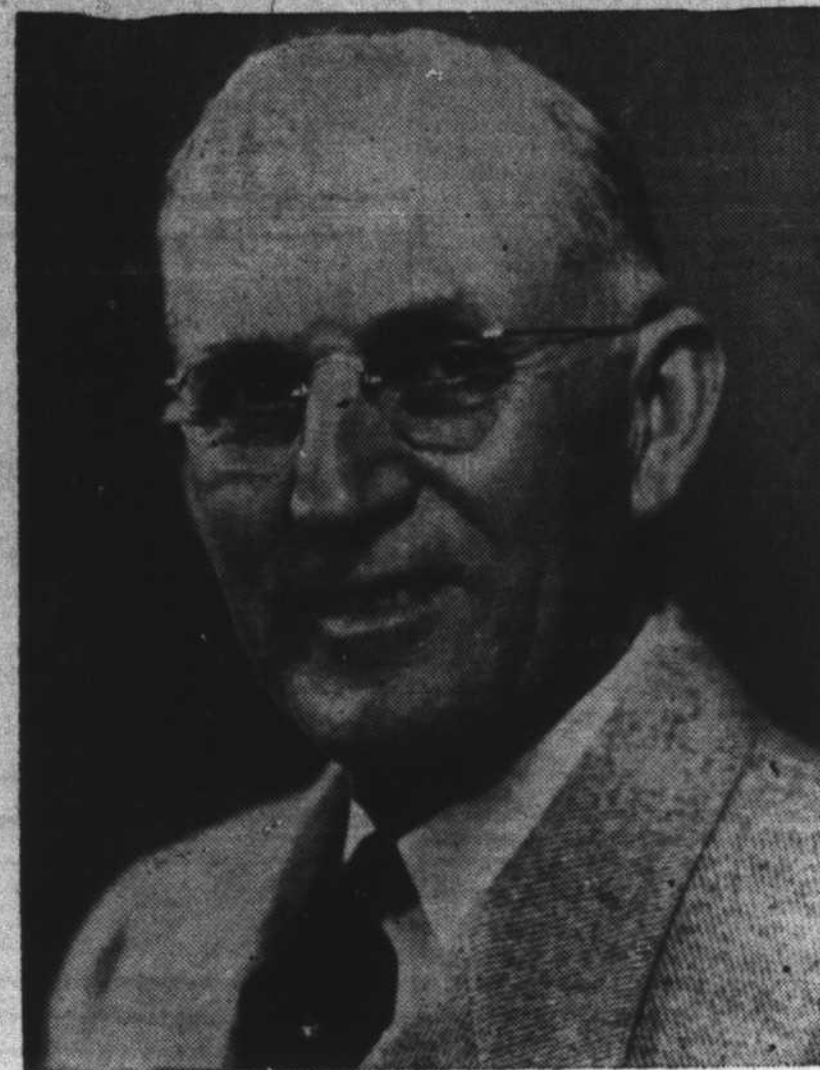
Less than a month ago, the world learned that science, laboring under the necessity of war, had harnessed the atom. Man had, at last, unleashed the basic power of the universe—unleashed it for destruction. The future use of that energy will depend upon other factors far more powerful than physical force, the hearts and the minds and the souls of men.

The wage earners of America, the greatest single economic group in our country, stand today on the threshold of a tomorrow which they can and will fashion. Behind them lies generations of toil and struggle, and a few decades of triumphant gains. The days of the past often have been lonely days when labor marched forward in its fight for economic freedom often in the face of a seemingly hostile universe. That day of loneliness has passed. The rights of labor have been established so firmly that no man will question them successfully. With the establishment of rights, labor must be ready to express in greater and greater measure its responsibility to the common good which grants those rights.

Concerned, as we must be with the task of gaining our daily bread, we must be ever mindful of the welfare of mankind. Today we must dedicate ourselves, individually and collectively to the common good. Working together we can become the masters of our fate. There are some lines in a poem of Rev. M. M. Coady of Antigonish, Nova Scotia, a poem printed in a book called "Masters Of Their Own Destiny" which mark the road-way to tomorrow far better than anything I can say, and they are:

"The homely, rugged tasks we do today,
As jostled by the crowds that buy and sell,
Are not our goal; are but the solid ground
That holds our feet the while we build our wings."

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