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GASTONIA CENTRAL LABOR UNION TAKES A SHOT AT GOV. CHERRY FOR OPPOSING WEEKLY JOBLESS PAY

GASTONIA.—The Gastonia Central Labor union, last week adopting a resolution censuring Governor Cherry of North Carolina for his reported opposition to a bill in Congress which would with Federal financial assistance set up unemployment benefits of \$25 weekly for 26 weeks, declared that this attitude of the Governor has "shamed all of Gastonia before the rest of the nation."

It was resolved that the proper committee in Congress be mailed a copy of the resolution and be informed that any delegate from North Carolina appearing before it "does not represent the thousands upon thousands of workers in North Carolina nor does he represent the attitude of the majority of the people of the Governor's home town but only a small minority of the management-minded people who hope to keep the workers half-starved and subjugated for their own profit."

The Central Labor union declared that the Governor attempted to give labor representatives in the Legislature the impression that he was for the increase.

MIRACLE! N. Y. 'TIMES' LAUDS LABOR

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—Something in the nature of a journalistic miracle occurred here this week. The New York "Times" actually printed an editorial favorable to organized workers.

Those who have read the "Times" for years can not recall that any editorial like this one has ever appeared before. True, it was full of qualifying phrases, but, nonetheless, it proclaimed a "tribute to the part organized labor has played in winning the war."

"Just as the fighting war could not have been won without the military G. I., so the industrial war could not have been won without the industrial G. I.," the paper added.

"The G. I. in the factory stuck to his job. He worked exhaustingly long hours. His pay was good, but often he suffered for lack of proper housing; he traveled long distances to work; he put money in war bonds; he contributed to war relief drives; he took some risk; he faced some hardship. Today (Labor Day) the nation can afford to salute the G. I. of Industry—the war worker who has contributed so magnificently to victory."

SCHWELLENBACH ACCLAIMS WAR RECORD OF WORKERS

Lauds Amazing Production; Refutes Propaganda About Strikes; Cites Sacrifices and Hardships Suffered by Millions

One of the most remarkable of many Labor Day statements issued by public officials in the past week came from Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach. It attracted wide attention and was carried in newspapers all over the country.

The former Federal judge and one time United States Senator from Washington state not only paid glowing tribute to labor's part in the war effort, but demolished many falsehoods spread during the war that workers had let down the fighting men.

Victory in the war was made possible as much by the toil of workers on the production lines at home as by the bravery of soldiers overseas, Schwellenbach declared.

"For every one of our gallant fighting men in Africa, Europe, the Pacific and at our far-flung bases throughout the world," he said, "there had to be a company of production soldiers, staying on the job, working long hours under difficult and frequently hazardous conditions, often enduring poor living standards in crowded production centers, going without many necessities and paying more for what they got."

"It is to the credit of American workers that they endured all these things, and in so doing, achieved a miracle of production that kept the supply lines to all our military fronts and those of our Allies crowded with the materials that made victory a certainty."

Figures on Strikes. Schwellenbach lashed out at the exaggeration of wartime strikes. A few did occur, but "not one had the sanction of top labor leadership," he pointed out.

"And the fact is that time lost through strikes averaged only one-tenth of 1 per cent of total time worked," the Labor Secretary explained.

"Throughout 1944, for example, such time lost was no more than if the entire national working force had struck for 2 1/2 hours. While this is not a perfect record, it does show that the vast majority of our workers did keep the no-strike pledge."

"What makes the record all the better is that by staying on the job on holidays American workers more than equalized the time lost through strikes."

Equally "conclusive evidence" that the workers were determined to "keep our armies supplied" was seen by Schwellenbach in the long hours put in on production lines.

Long Hours Cited. "The great majority willingly relinquished the hours normally devoted to recreation in order to keep war production going," he said. "Without that willingness we could not have accomplished the tremendous production job that was necessary, and this applies not only to long hours, but also to acceptance of night-time hours, Sunday work as well as holidays."

Schwellenbach declared, too, that the nation "owes a debt of gratitude to the thousands of workers who, by contributing production ideas, saved millions of precious hours."

War workers, he added, suffered hardships without complaint. At their own expense, they moved thousands of miles to war centers. They lived in makeshift homes, paid big prices

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Gentlemen:

The mission assigned this Division has now been completed, and our activities will cease as of September 1, 1945. For that reason, please remove the name of the Incentive Division from your mailing list.

For the past three years, you have faithfully supplied this Division with copies of your publication. This was a service which was very helpful to us and one which we appreciated a great deal. We appreciate, too, the space you have devoted to Navy news and the emphasis you have always placed on the need for labor's all-out help in hastening the day of victory.

We want to extend to your organization, as an important part of the Labor Press, the Navy's thanks for a job "well done."

Sincerely yours,

S. J. SINGER,
Commander, USNR,
Executive Officer.

TRUTH IS EVERLASTING

"So long as we have held fast to voluntary principles and have been actuated and inspired by the spirit of service, we have sustained our forward progress and we have made our labor movement something to be respected and accorded a place in the councils of our Republic. . . . No lasting gain has ever come from compulsion. If we seek to force, we but tear apart that which, otherwise, is invincible."—Samuel J. Gompers.

SALT PORK AND "SHORT'NING" TO BE PLENTIFUL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—There's going to be more salt pork, shortening and cooking oils for southern housewives pretty soon.

Twelve million pounds of salt pork are being released by the Agriculture department, Senator Hill, Democrat of Alabama, said last week. It's to be returned to the processors for distribution in 12 southern states.

Eleven million pounds of the gov-

ernment's supply of shortening and cooking oils, previously released by the department, is now being distributed through regular trade channels in the 12 states, Hill said. The refiners were required to pack it in proper sizes for home consumption.

TOO SLOW.

A dapper little man applied for a separation on the ground of cruelty. Asked by the judge if he could prove his case, he replied meekly:

"One night I dreamed I won \$100,000, and the following morning my wife nearly killed me for not putting it in the bank before I woke up."

FEW PARAGRAPHS FROM PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

"This is not the time for short-sighted management to seize upon the chance to reduce wages and try to injure labor unions. Equally it is not the time for labor leaders to shirk their responsibility and permit widespread industrial strife."

"The high prosperity which we seek in the postwar years will not be meaningful for all our people if any large proportion of our industrial wage earners receive wages as low as the minimum (40 cents an hour) now sanctioned by the fair labor standards act."

"We need have no fear (in the reconversion period (if we exercise the same energy, foresight and wisdom as we did in carrying on the war and winning the victory."

"vast backlog of orders may soon make possible the greatest peacetime industrial activity that we have ever seen."

SOUTHERN A. F. OF L. LABOR PRESS ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED

To make possible a more efficient and co-ordinated program for the promotion of the American Federation of Labor news matters in the southeast, there was recently organized, what will be known as the Southern Labor Press Association. This was the result of several conferences held over a period of years between the publishers of labor papers.

The action taken by the editors and publishers of Labor Papers in the South is in conformity with the action taken by the American Federation of Labor at the New Orleans Convention and in strict accord with the International Labor Press Association regulations.

One of the main purposes of the Southern Labor Press Association will be to eliminate the "fly-by-night" so-called labor publications which prey upon the public, rob advertisers and disgrace and discredit the Organized Labor Movement. The Southeast has been a fertile field for these "chiselers" during the past and especially the days since wartime activities started. These "special" publications are for the most part only a means for some one or a small group to line their own pockets, taking advantage of the advertising that the merchants and advertisers, who use the local legitimate and established Labor Papers, use to reach the membership of Unions.

The wider exchange of articles having direct bearing on Labor's position as this relates to current matters of importance will be both educational and interesting to the subscribers of the Labor Press.

National Labor Conference Dates Are Announced

WASHINGTON.—The national labor-management conference, designed to formulate a peacetime industrial policy for handling labor disputes, will be held in Washington October 29 or November 5. Labor Secretary Schwellenbach and Commerce Secretary Wallace made the announcement last week after a conference with labor and industrial leaders and Reconversion Director John W. Snyder.

BEST SELLER!

J. Chapman Bradley, secretary of the American Bible Society, presents a statement made by Gertrude Stein, erratic author of strange literature, that "you don't see any Bibles around like you did after the last war."

Mr. Bradley says 8,000,000 copies of the Scriptures were distributed among men in the services, and every copy was requested by some fighting man.

Mrs. Pyle Wins Out

Thanks to Mrs. Ernie Pyle, the memorial to Ernie in his old home town, Dana, Ind., has been "revised back to its original form"—a modest memorial library.

"Ernie would be shocked by such a suggestion," said Mrs. Pyle, and she said it so emphatically that the promoters agreed to drop the proposal, refund donations and hand back any fees they may have earned.

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS. A Tennessee hillbilly discovered a mirror which had been left behind by a tourist.

"Well, if it ain't my old pappy. I never knowed he had his picture took."

He sneaked the mirror home and went up to the attic to hide it. But his wife spied him, and that night while he slept she slipped up to the attic and found the mirror.

"Hummmmm," she exclaimed, looking into the glass, "so that's the old hag he's been running around with."

The Story of Labor

LOWELL, MASS. WAS THE TEXTILE MILL CENTER. THOUSANDS OF GIRLS WORKED 75 HOURS A WEEK FOR \$2 PLUS BOARD, IN THE BARRACKS-LIKE BOARDING HOUSES. THE MILL OWNERS SET UP A RIGID "PATERNALISM." EVERY MOVE, EVERY ACT OF THE GIRLS WAS CONTROLLED. HEAVY FINES WERE LEVIED FOR INFRACTIONS OF THE RULES UNTIL NO WAGES WERE LEFT. . . . WHEN THE GIRLS REBELLED, THE MILL OWNERS SENT "SLAVERS" TO CANADA TO IMPORT FRENCH CATHOLICS WHICH WERE NEVER KEPT, SETTING RACE AGAINST RACE, RELIGION AGAINST RELIGION, THEY MADE ENORMOUS PROFITS UNDER SWEATSHOP CONDITIONS. . . .

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AT FIRST THE MILL GIRLS WERE ALL NATIVE-BORN; PROTESTANTS AND A FEW JEWISH. THE OWNERS TREATED THEM LIKE INMATES OF A JAIL. . . .

YOU MUST NOT JOIN A UNION! YOU SLEEP IN OUR HOUSES, ATTEND OUR CHURCHES, BUY FROM COMPANY STORES ONLY! YOU MUST BE IN BED BY 10 AT NIGHT! IF ANY RULE IS BROKEN, YOU PAY A FINE OF \$1. EACH TIME!

THIS SOUNDS LIKE SLAVERY!

GET UP! YOU LAZY SLEETS! IT'S 5-O'CLOCK!

IT'S NO MORE THAN FOUR! THEY'RE CHEATING US AGAIN WITH THEIR CLOCKS!

THEY CHEATED THE GIRLS ON THEIR LUNCH TIME, TOO, AND ON THEIR PAY. WHEN PAYDAY CAME AROUND. . . .

ESTHER LEVY, YOU'RE FINED \$1. YOU DIDN'T ATTEND CHURCH LAST SUNDAY. ALICE ADAMS, YOU'RE FINED \$2. YOU BOUGHT CANDY IN A PRIVATE STORE!

THAT ISN'T FAIR! I GO TO A SYNAGOGUE!

WHAT, NO PAY AT ALL THIS WEEK?

THE CANADIAN GIRLS FOUND LONG HOURS AND LOW PAY INSTEAD, BUT THEY HAD NO MONEY TO GO HOME. AS A RESULT THE STRIKE WAS BROKEN AND. . . .

THAT MAN TOLD ME LIES! SERVES YOU RIGHT, YOU DIRTY CATHOLIC! LIC CARMIK! IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR YOU AND YOUR KIND WE'D HAVE WON!

DON'T CALL NAMES, ALICE! NOW THEY'LL NEVER UNITE!

WHAT'S THAT THE BOSS WANTS?

BUT JOE WORKER KNEW THE ANSWER TO THAT ONE. . . .

YOU'RE TREATED LIKE SLAVES BECAUSE THE EMPLOYERS GOT YOU THINKING OF YOURSELVES AS CATHOLICS, PROTESTANTS, JEWS. REMEMBER ONLY THAT YOU'RE WORKERS AND YOU'LL WIN, EVERY TIME. . . .

LIKE US. . . ADAMS, DESSAUD, LEVY!

WE PAY YOU \$2 A WEEK AND BOARD. THE WORK IS EASY AND YOU DRESS IN SILKS AND SATINS! YOU SAVE EVERY PENNY YOU MAKE!

SILKS AND SATINS! I NEVER HAD A SILK DRESS IN MY LIFE! I'LL GO, MONSIEUR!

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