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PLANS MADE FOR WAR FUND, BOND DRIVES

Green Broadcasts War Fund Appeal In Behalf Of Labor Organizations

A. F. of L. Chieftain Cites Need of Occupation Forces and Unfortunates Abroad

New York—A nationwide radio audience heard A. F. of L. President William Green urge National War Fund and Community Chest support on October 15.

Speaking over the network of the American Broadcasting Company, President Green was featured in a half-hour program which included labor and management spokesmen and nationally-known radio artists. The A. F. of L.'s Labor League for Human Rights was a co-sponsor of the presentation.

President Green said: "For the boys patrolling the streets of Berlin and Tokio, the peace is not yet won.

"For the millions of people in Europe and Asia, threatened with hunger and cold, the peace is not yet won.

"Here at home, for our millions of returned veterans and displaced war workers looking for secure peacetime jobs, the peace is not yet won. To win that peace will take the same all-out effort, the same community co-operation, the same planning that it took to win the war.

"We must make sure that our allies in war remain our allies in peace—that people all over the world who fought in underground movements as our hidden allies are not forgotten now.

"The men we rescued from concentration camps need our help if they are not to become casualties of hunger and famine.

"The need in our own communities today is just as great, in some cases greater, than during the war.

"Community agencies that plan for better health, better housing, better recreation programs must be supported. Through labor representatives on community boards and through our chests and war funds we will continue our work, our services, our giving for the good of the whole community.

"Support your Community War Fund and the National War Fund."

33 CARLOADS TEXTILES ARE OFFERED FOR SALE

An offering of 33 carloads of textiles, comprising over 47 million yards of jute burlap strips, is currently being made by the Surplus Property Division of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The burlap strips come in six colors and were used by the Army for camouflage. It has been declared surplus to their needs, and will be sold by RFC, a Disposal Agency designated by the Surplus Property Administration to handle a portion of surplus textiles, on the basis of informal written offers. Offers will be filed immediately. No sale will be concluded until October 29, 1945.

NO HOOTCH TICKETS NEEDED AFTER DECEMBER 1

According to announcement just released by the State Alcoholic Control Board, hootch will go off the ration list at all North Carolina ABC stores effective December 1. This means, of course, that thirty Durhamites will not be required to make their annual November trek to some designated registering place and there pay a perfectly good quarter for whiskey coupons which were quite often no good.

AFL MEMBERSHIP TOPS ALL PREVIOUS MARKS

Cincinnati—The average membership of the American Federation of Labor during the fiscal year ended August 31, reached the all-time high of 6,938,000, Secretary-Treasurer George Meany reported to the Executive Council.

President William Green confirmed newspaper reports that the International Association of Machinists had failed to pay per capita tax to the federation for some months because of a dispute on jurisdictional questions. Mr. Green said he expected the future status and policy of the Machinists would be decided by the delegates at the forthcoming convention of the union to be held in New York City.

Labor Parley Set To Open On Nov. 5

Washington, D. C. — President Truman's labor-management conference will convene in Washington November 5 and will be comprised of "from 30 to 50" delegates, equally divided between labor and business associations, and presided over by a chairman, representing the public interest, Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach announced.

The conference, which appears to be the only tangible instrument so far devised by the Administration to meet the growing national crisis in labor, will have employee representation drawn from the AFL, CIO, United Mine Workers and Railroad Brotherhoods, and management conferees from United States Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers.

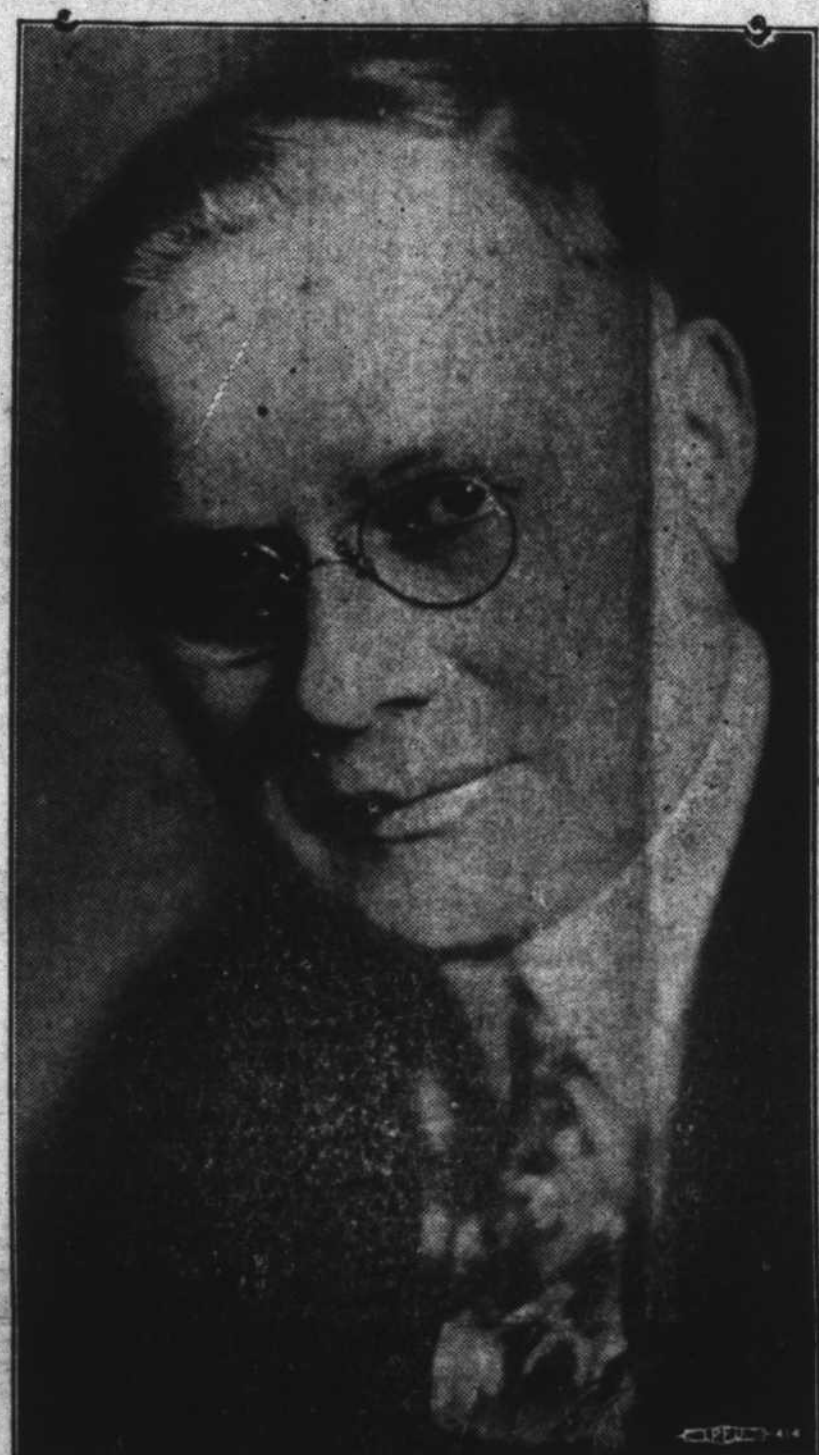
Schwellenbach and Secretary of Commerce Wallace will also sit in the conference, but without votes. The impartial chairman has not yet been announced. Although Schwellenbach declared that not decisions had yet been reached on the agenda of the conference and accordingly declined to indicate what issues it would consider, it was taken for granted that its prime concern was the establishment of procedures to deal with industrial disputes.

MRS. TRUMAN ACCEPTS POST WITH RED CROSS

Washington, D. C.—Mrs. Harry S. Truman has accepted the honorary chairmanship of the National Committee on Volunteer Service of the American Red Cross, it was announced today.

The committee will hold its next meeting November 6-9 to consider postwar work of organized Red Cross volunteers. Mrs. Mason Colt is chairman.

Mrs. Truman served as a volunteer Motor Corps driver in the Independence branch, Kansas City, (Mo.) chapter of the American Red Cross before moving to Washington, and as a member of the Senate Ladies' Surgical Dressings Unit in the District of Columbia chapter.



WILLIAM GREEN

Fast Action Urged On Wagner Housing Bill

Cincinnati.— Pointing out that the only tangible proposal for the creation of millions of new jobs now before Congress is the Wagner Postwar Housing bill, the AFL Executive Council demanded its prompt enactment.

The bill sets up a comprehensive national housing policy and is intended to encourage a construction drive which will result in the building of 1,500,000 new homes each year during the next 10 years.

Text of the executive council's statement follows:

"Adoption of postwar housing legislation advocated by the American Federation of Labor is a matter of utmost national urgency and can no longer be deferred.

"The executive council appeals to Congress to consider immediately and enact promptly a comprehensive national housing policy together with a set of unified long-range programs essential to carry out such a policy.

"Homeless American families will soon be a reality in thousands of communities while dangerous overcrowding will become widespread unless Congress recognizes the nation's need and acts to meet them.

"Over 1,400,000 married veterans are already in immediate need of homes. More than 1,500,000 returning veterans are expected to establish new homes within the next year, but will find no place to set up new households.

"America's housing need was extremely acute before the war. During this war years 27,000,000 persons took part in the vast shifts of population set off by war conditions. As the result of this migration, the already critical need in many communities has been greatly intensified. This pressing and continually growing need cannot be met overnight. Only long-range planning designed to achieve clearly and courageously stated housing objectives for the entire nation will suffice to assure better homes and better living conditions for all Americans in cities and on the farms.

"The American Federation of Labor has always advocated the adoption of a comprehensive housing bill which will enable each community, through its own local initiative and with the fullest exercise of local responsibility, to reach the postwar housing objectives as rapidly as the great wealth and resources of postwar America will make possible. The most essential principle on which the entire program must rest is the necessity to bring new and better housing within the financial reach of all incomes. America's postwar housing market is a universal housing market which can only be fully reached through a comprehensive housing program. Our failure to assure provision of new homes to low-income families as well as continued neglect of the housing needs of families of moderate income can only spell disaster and unemployment.

Postwar housing is the only legislation now pending before Congress which would provide a tangible source of mass employment opportunities and lay a broad and firm basis for postwar redevelopment and reconstruction of the entire nation."

DUBINSKY IS ELECTED AFL VICE PRESIDENT

Cincinnati — David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies-Garment Workers Union, was elected unanimously thirtieth Vice-President of the American Federation of Labor by the Executive Council at its meeting here.

Mr. Dubinsky, who served on the Executive Council from 1934 to 1936, will fill the seat left vacant by the death of Edward Flore, late president of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers.

Community Chest And War Fund Campaign Opens October 25; Victory Bond Oct. 29

Charlotte's War and Community Chest campaign will get underway Friday morning. Organizational meetings have been held and the necessary divisions and committees have been set up to conduct a vigorous campaign to raise the assigned quota of \$388,694.95, with the Chest Gifts Division assigned a quota of \$250,400 of this sum.

Henry Dockery, president of the Chest, presided at a meeting of the committees Thursday night at the Chamber of Commerce to complete final details for opening the Community Drive Friday morning and also to hear Major General Anthony McAuliffe deliver an address relative to the campaign. Dr. J. A. Jones, pastor of the Myers Park Presbyterian church, said the invocation and Jack Farr led in the singing. General McAuliffe was introduced by Mayor Herbert H. Baxter.

"Like General Patton and other Army officers, I probably would do better by confining my public speaking to giving orders to the troops in my command, but I am so convinced of the necessity of the work done by the War Chest agencies that I am glad of an opportunity to urge that this campaign be given the most enthusiastic support," said General McAuliffe. He said it is fine to be back in North Carolina with its wonderful weather, its fried chicken, its ice cream, and its football. In Europe, the people are going to be hungry and cold this winter—Europe is not a nice place to be, he added.

"It is only a matter of human decency to help the unfortunate men, women and children of our Allied countries," he declared. The relief work done by the agencies of the War Fund, he said, likely will mean more toward assuring lasting peace than all the treaties that are drawn up and conferences that are held.

General McAuliffe said the American soldiers in the occupied territories are bound to be suffering boredom and homesickness that can be combated in no better way than through the work of the USO and the USO-Camp Shows. There was never need for worry about the American fighting man while the war was on, he said. The American soldier was always ready to close with the enemy, was always full of courage, resourcefulness, and patience. But with the fighting over, he needs entertainment. That is why General Eisenhower asked that the work of the USO and the Camp Shows be stepped up.

I think the USO and the Camp Shows are military requirements in any country which is being occupied," he declared.

"There were many heroes of Bastogne but I was not one of them," General McAuliffe said. The heroes were the privates, the corporals, the sergeants and junior officers, the infantry, the tank men, the artillery men, the men of the transport command, the fighter pilots, the anti-aircraft men, those of other branches of the armed services, the wounded and the dead.

"I wish that all who served with me could be here tonight to see the welcome you have given me as their representative," he said.

At a meeting Wednesday the quotas for majors in the special gifts division were announced, as follows: Mrs. Charles E. Barnhardt, \$6,400; Thomas H. Barnhardt, Jr., \$6,150; I. D. Blumental, \$3,400; James R. Bryant, \$3,300; W. I. Bullard, \$8,000; Emmett Crook, \$2,400; W. R. Cuthbertson, \$4,800; George W. Dowdy, \$5,000;

John Durham, \$4,325; H. H. Everett, \$5,250; Dr. Monroe Gilmour, \$7,425; Paul Guthery, \$2,700; T. E. Hemby, \$22,000; Edwin L. Jones, \$8,950; Matthew Karres, \$2,000; H. F. Kinsey, \$13,200; Charles E. Lambeth, \$4,075; John Mills, \$4,200; Frank McCleughan, \$2,975; Lewis Patton, \$4,700; John Pender, \$6,000; M. E. Pierson, \$18,000; John Watlington, \$9,500; Clarence Street, \$6,550; Mrs. W. B. Sullivan, \$11,500; Gresham Thomas, \$4,950; Duncan P. Tillett, \$22,000; Ed Vosburgh, \$2,050; Paul Whitlock, \$5,150; John Wilkinson, \$5,150; and Special Special, \$38,300.

The meeting was called by Earle Whitton and Ivey Stewart, co-chairman of the division. Mr. Whitton introduced a number of Chest officials, including Henry Dockery, president; Carl McCraw, secretary and treasurer; Fred L. Huffman, Chest director, Miss Kate Walker, assistant Chest director; J. Norman Pease and Henry Allison, co-chairmen of the campaign, and members of the budget committee.

Mr. Allison impressed upon the members of the division their importance in the drive as they have such a large percentage of the money to raise. Approximately 250 of the 2,500 workers in the drive are members of this division and must raise more money than all the other division put together.

To answer the questions of those who feel that \$388,694.95 may be too much money to raise now that the war is over and who may wonder what is the need of all this money, Mr. Allison said the National War Fund, which has asked for \$115,000,000 to carry on its work for 15 months. Assuming that there will be an average of 6,000,000 servicemen and women in uniform over the next 15 months, he said that this will mean that the USO, one of the agencies of the War Fund, must provide entertainment for 2,700,000,000 man-days — leaving off six days of the period in order that the figuring may be less complicated. If the USO should get all the money, it would have only 4.3 cents per day for each man. However, the money must take care of 29 other agencies, which means that the USO's part amounts to only 2 1-3 cents per day.

Getting close home he said that Mecklenburg county has sent more than 18,000 boys and girls into the armed services. Assuming that an average of 6,000 of these will remain in uniform for the next 15 months, there would be 2,700,000 man-days for the USO to provide entertainment for this county's boys alone. Divide that number into the \$388,000 goal and the amount of 14 1-2 cents a day per man is reached. But there are 36 agencies which must share in this money and it all boils down to the fact that there remains only less than 3 cents a day for the USO to spend on each Mecklenburg serviceman or woman. He spoke of the work of the local agencies which are supported by the funds raised in the campaign and said he is confident that the people of this city and county will wish to do their part to rebuild not only for the devastated areas of the world and for their own servicemen and women but also for the needy persons at home who must be helped even though the war is over.

Information on the quota was received by Mr. Kerr from C. T. Leinback of Winston-Salem, chairman of the North Carolina War Finance committee. Mr. Kerr explained that all sales of E. F. and G bonds and Treasury Savings notes processed by the Federal Reserve bank from October 29 through December 31 will count in the drive. This means that all orders the Federal Reserve bank receives on October 29 and through December 31 will be counted and that the campaign will have the advantage of the month-end reports in October covering pay roll deductions and other similar purchases.

It also was announced that C. S. Goodrum of Davidson, who has been named chairman of the Mecklenburg County Druggists' Victory Bond committee, has begun work and has addressed letters to all his fellow druggists to urge that they take active part in the coming campaign. November 1 has been selected as the North Carolina druggists' special bond day and the county organization is making big plans for that day.

UTW REPELS CIO RAIDS ON FOUR TEXTILE MILLS

Washington, D. C.—The United Textile Workers of America smashed three attempts by the CIO to raid textile and dye mills in Tennessee, Massachusetts and South Carolina.

CIO invasions at the North American Rayon Corporation and American Bemberg Corporation in Elizabethton, Tenn., were repelled decisively by a vote of 4 to 1 in favor of the UTW. Over 5,000 employees were affected. The UTW also defeated a CIO raid at the Hogsac Mills in New Bedford, Mass., by a vote of 3 to 1. There are about 1,000 employees in that plant. The fourth CIO attempt to take over at the Hartsville Print and Dye Works at Hartsville, S. C., where the UTW won by a good majority.

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county in the Victory War Loan campaign which opens Monday, October 29. Of this quota \$1,500,000 is for Series E bonds. The bond campaign will run through December 31, according to R. E. Kerr, chairman of the County War Finance committee.

Mr. Kerr has called a meeting of leaders in war finance activities to be held on Monday morning when committee will be appointed and other details connected with the campaign will be arranged.

There will be no special chairman for this campaign. Instead, Mr. Kerr has formed a committee of 11 prominent businessmen to serve as the administrative committee in the drive. This committee is composed of M. L. Cannon, H. F. Kinsey, R. H. Johnston, Frank Sherrill, William Barnhardt, H. H. Everett, W. D. Flinton, H. H. Baxter, Sid McAden, George W. Dowdy and C. O. Kuester.

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Accompanying him on the trip will be Charles S. Zimmerman, vice president of the International Ladies Garment Workers, who is representing the Jewish Labor Committee on a survey of postwar European conditions.

VICTORY LOAN DRIVE TO OPEN MONDAY, 29TH

The sum of \$10,154,000 has been set as the goal for Mecklenburg