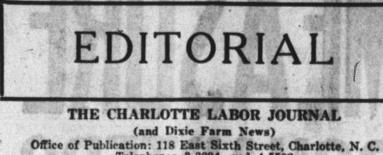
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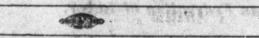


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AMERICA'S "SLAVE-LABOR" MEASURE

Some editorial writers and other biased thinkers have been having a field day since President Truman so undiplomatically and so unthoughtfully appeared before Congress last week and requested one of the most damnable pieces of legislation ever proposed before the law-making body of the nation. The tone of his voice and the expression on his face as he spoke before Congress symbolized the atmosphere in which the shocking proposal had been born-that of fear and hysteria. However, it has well been said that some good comes out of every evil and unquestionably the act of the President of the United States has done more to solidify night. the working people and the farmers of the nation than anything that has happened since the war days. That is if we are to be judged by the protests lodged against the proposal by both labor and farmer councils throughout the nation.

This aftermath of the war days was bound to come to some kind of a head. An old sore that has existed since its inception back when Labor had its wages frozen, during the war and when prices were supposed to have been frozen also, the sore has gradually grown into a carbuncle of enormous proportions. Labor strife and strikes have been great and who dares say there will not be even greater chaos if the people of America are put into shackles under such proposals as that made by the President of the United States.

The Labor Journal, does not believe the proposed bill would stand up before the Supreme Court, but nevertheless it could throw the country into nitfalls from which it would take a long time to climb if enforced upon Free America. It would be an infliction of unheard of proportions and not only would Labor suffer its ill effects but perhaps the industrialists of the country would come in for their share of governmental control and regulations not before experienced.

This bysterical experiece should serve the country as whole. Employers and employes MUST find out before it is too late that it is to their better interests to get together and work out their mutual problems between themselves. Labor is adverse to control of its affairs from anyone outside and employers, The Journal knows, are likewise opposed to it.

RUTH TAYLOR SAYS:

AN UNSUNG HERO.

Unsung heroes in a country | White in obtaining a loan of 131,000,000 are bound to be under the GI Bill for his new numerous. Every day there hardware store. He's the felare untold numbers of heroic low who secured widow's penwhich the average citizen sel- veteran husband passed on, dom learns. Outstanding A shining and actual examong these heroes is the ample of this man's devotion service officers of the local to duty is shown in this little post of The American Legion. story which took place some With over 14,000 such posts weeks ago in Texas. A post throughout the country, nearly every community is reprea meeting of veterans on sented in one of these unherthe ways in which they might alded citizens.

For those of us who are not his family, when word came acquainted with him, let us in that a World War II vetdefine him in this manner: He is the representative of the local post elected to perform without remuneration mediately, the post service any service which the post in its pledge of service to the community might be called minutes, he had accomplished the best labor relations. upon to perform.

We might refer to him as the community who resides just down the street. Actualmeeting. ly he is an ordinary personality or he would not have been elected to this office by his fellow post members. His services have no bounds. His office knows no hours. He is on call at all times-day or need."

He's the fellow who saw to it that food was not lacking in standing of and a sincere the Brown home during Mr. sympathy for the wants and fortunate mishap. He's the purposes upon which that or- bor movement. fellow who assisted George ganization was founded.



The degree to which prog-| States to equal opportunity ress is being made against whatever his race, creed, or unthinking projudice - is il- color."

lustrated interestingly in the rather deliberate and con- by the presence of Assistant ing made to recognize talent, Braden, who also spoke and

The occasion was honored Frank P. Fenton, AFL National scientious efforts that are be- Secretary of State, Spruille Director of Organization, gave a rousing address to the delegates. ability, courage, or achieve- who underscored the need of He told them that the success of ment in a public way when breaking down barriers the organizing campaign hinged



9:45 a. m.

Dr. William Harrison Williams, Pastor

7:30 p. m.

6:00 p. m.

The American Federation of Labor has gone on record as being against sky-rocketing wages and running the prices of commodities up. There are those who would do away with all price controls. If this were done chaos would result. Goods would begin flowing to the market from storehouses. but prices would climb too, calling for wage increases and more wage increases-labor troubles and more labor troubles. So, it behooves all classes in America to get together and let public opinion be directed toward its law-making bodies in a sane way in order that they may set up regulations to carry America's through post-war days safely and sanely to the type of community serv- at the present time. a more pacific rendezvous.

Regretfully The Journal announces that the Senate passed a modified version of the Truman proposal. However, it was without the draft-labor proposal, for which all Americans should be grateful. The modified version now goes back to in the Negro press would be will and recognition of good the House for its approval. Wire your Congressman immed- one of the techniques by work in a professional field is iately to cast his vote to kill this unAmerican proposal in its which this group of people encouraging. For people eventirety.

THE SOUTHERN AFL ORGANIZING DRIVE

Charlotte has been selected as regional headquarters for the Southern organization campaign which was launched at the meeting in Asheville recently and Earl Britton, president fore a matter of considerable of some artificial prejudice. of the South Carolina Federation of Labor, and a member of interest. It is an award of There are many signs in the International Typographical Union , has been selected by the American Federation of Labor to be in charge of the Charlotte office, which will serve both North Carolina and South Carolina. The selection of Charlotte as headquarters for the two States comes as a distinct honor to the Labor movement here, and the selection of Brother Britton was a wise one and is also a distinct honor to members of the ticular the workk which dis- field of organization there are printers of the ITU.

Earl Britton has been very active in South Carolina Labor circles for many years. He has been a tireless worker and The Journal can recommend him to members of organized Labor in North Carolina none too highly.

Charlotte Central Labor Union this week began laying plans for the campaign. Many national and international representatives were in attendance at the Thursday night meetng. Several nice talks were made by these representa-tives and they expressed themselves as being highly optimistic over the outlook for the work to be done here.

President J. J. Thomas of the CLU, who also is a member of the Charlotte Firefighters Union, affiliated with the AFL, says that all the AFL unions affiliated with the central body have promised full co-operation with the campaign.

At the meeting this week the Postal Carriers affiliated with the Central Labor Union and were welcomed into the organization by all affiliated locals.

Big things are in the offing! Don't miss the CLU weekly deeply, the importance of a from the armed services in order meetings at 8 o'clock each Thursday night, 317 1-2 North free press, and the right of to protect their rights to benefits, Tryon street. every citizen of the United the agency said.

some member of a minority ignorance and prejudice. He group has distinguished him- emphasized that people every- rather than on outside help. self in a worthy activity. where should have free access

The late Wendell L. Willkie shortly before he died set up through books and magaa fund for the purpose of mak- zines, but principally through ing annual awards to Negroes the newspaper press and raset up the fund as feeling that

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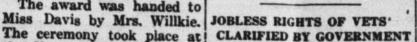
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The ceremony took place at the United Nations Club in Washington and was attend-

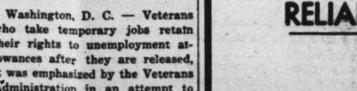
who distinguished themselves dio. He indicated that the ocin the field of journalism. He casion of these awards was a expressed himself when he symbol of he liberal spirit which is the hope of mankind Two other Negro journal-

the Negroes was in need of burgh and P. Bernard Young, encouragement and recogni- Jr., of Norfolk, also received tion and that good leadership awards. This spirit of good would make substantial and erywhere want and desire to practical progress in the be recognized for their merit. The bitterness comes when

The presentation of the merit, good work, and honorfirst awards under the Wen- able service is not recognized dell L. Willkie Fund is there- or given opportunity because \$500 for the first award, and American life today that good \$250 each to two other per- work and service will gain resons. The first winner of the spect and recognition. The lafirst prize was Miss Almena bor unions of America are to Davis, Editor of the weekly some extent assisting this Los Angeles Tribune. In par- progress, and in their own tinguished her was the week- many helpful activities tendly feature article which she ing to recognize the merit writes for that paper and and contributions of mem-which is regarded as a high bers of minority groups which



ed by many people-those in-terested in Mr. Willkie, those their rights to unemployment atinterested in freedom of the lowances after they are released, press, those interested in the it was emphasized by the Veterans progress of the Negro race, Administration in an attempt to and those interested in the United Nations Club itself. In among some former servicemen Mrs. Willkie speaking very regarding their benefit rights. briefly said that the occasion Veterans are not required to "symbolizes two ideas about claim unemployment payments imwhich Wendell Willkie cared mediately following their discharge



Michael Widman, of the United to information not only Mine Workers, was given enthusiastic cheers when he urged united labor support for the coal miners' strike and when he decried the leaders of the rival CIO organizing campaign in the South. Joseph P. McCurdy, president of

primarily on their own efforts,

the United Garment Workers, declared his union would keep its organizing campaign going at full blast until every garment worker ir. the South joined the union.



