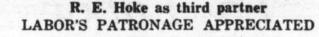
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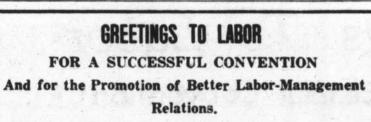




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Since organized labor has been denied a voice at the peace tables, Mr. Green said he thought it important to voice the AFL's views at this time on international issues. He added:

"First of all, we insist that peace without justice is a fraud and a sham which is bound to lead to war. We regard slavery as an inhuman institution and we do not believe that even our former enemies should be placed in permanent bondage. Human freedom must be the foundation stone for the peace settlements and if any doubt exists as to disposition of territory, the people of the country affected should be accorded the right to decide for themselves at free elections under what flag they shall live.

"I have stated these principles in general terms. Now let us get more specific. We must face the fact that a very real conflict exists in the world today between the democratic nations on the one hand and Soviet Russia on the other. I am confident that this conflict can be resolved by peaceful means. It must be, if there is a spark of common sense left in the human race. But I do not believe that we can reach a showdown with Russia and a permanent way out of our present differences by methods of appeasement.

"To us it appears incontrovertible that Soviet Russia has employed obstructive tactics in the coun-

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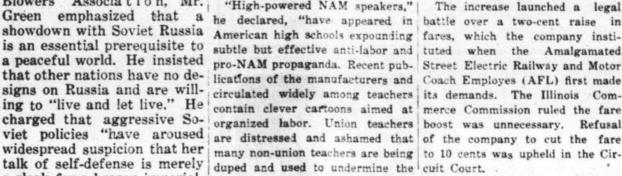
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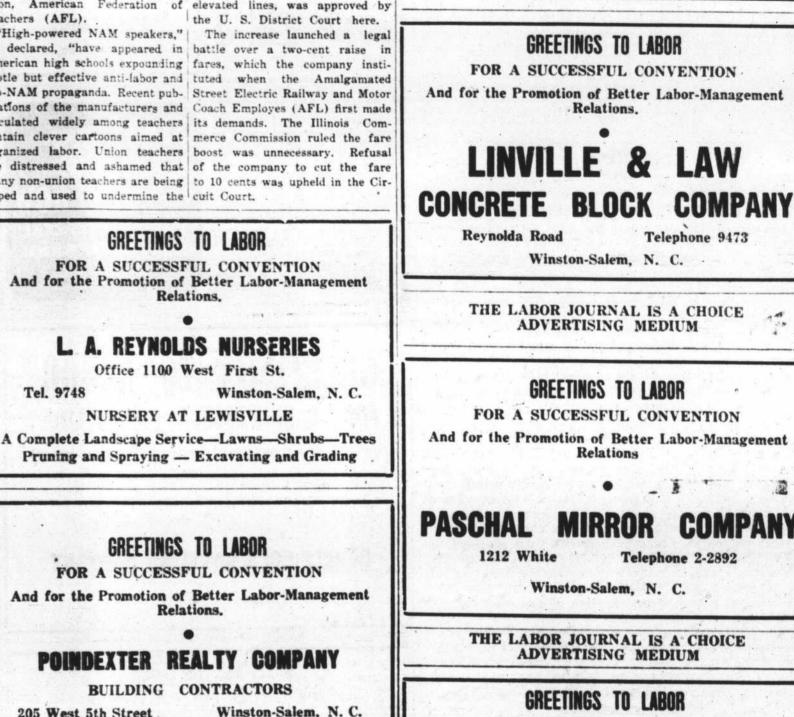
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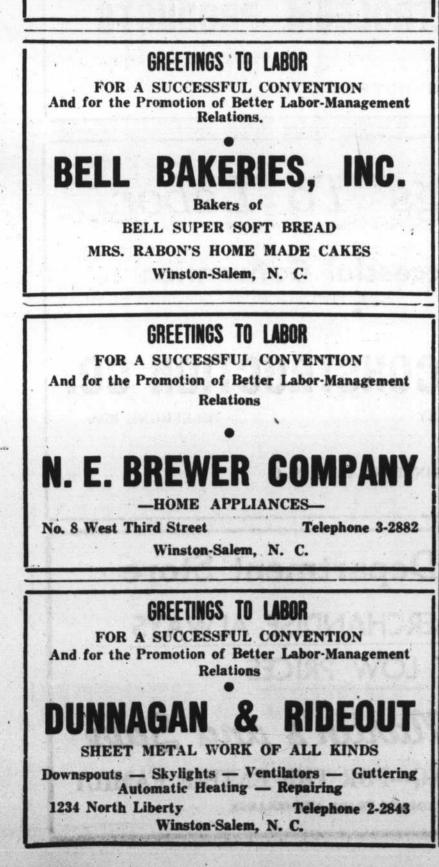
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cils of the United Nations. We do not like the way she has seized territory and property in Europe and Asia by main force, without consulting other nations. We resent her denial of basic freedoms to the people in other lands over which she holds sway.

"On the other hand, Russia insists that the actions we complain of are necessary to her self-defense. Apparently Soviet leaders are suffering from the delusion that other nations are determined to forge a ring around the Soviet Union and destroy it. "Premier Stalin may see fit to feed such fears to the Russian people, but they have no basis in truth or in fact. No nation of comparable strength, certainly not the United States, has any designs on Russia. We do not want any part of anything she possesses. While we may not approve of her from of government, we are willing to live and let live.

"Therefore, aggressive Soviet policies have aroused the widespread suspicion that her talk of self-defense is merely a cloak for a brazen imperialistic design.

## "World peace cannot be based on suspicion. If the nations of the world are to live permanently in friendship and cooperation they must learn to understand and trust each other. Under the circumstances, no time must be lost in obtaining a showdown with Russia. If she sincerely wants peace, the democratic nations of the world will be overjoyed and will her the most liberal treatment. But if Rus. sia is merely trying to build up to another war, it is much better for the world to know about it in time to prevent it by courageous actionnow.

"We hope and pray that the statesmen attending the conference in Paris will heed our advice and our warninings. We urge them from the bottom of our hearts to do their utmost to arrive at clearcut and honest ageements which will forge a lasting peace. We pledge them our full support toward that end. Once peace is secure, we can go on with redoubled energy and new inspiration to create a better and more prosperous world for all its inhabitants."

