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#### LABOR DAY GREETINGS

The Journal editor and staff take time off the daily "grind" to extend greetings to the working men and women of North Carolina and South Carolina, and, in fact, all through the Nation. This is the one day of the year set aside for the toilers of America to take time out to celebrate, or rest or meditate. It is a day that should be spent to some degree in thanking Almighty God for the numberless blessings that have been given us throughout the years, and also in praying that the future may find continued blessings flowing our

After many years of endeavor by our forefathers Labor Day was recognized as a law of the United States through an act of Congress, which means that our Nation as a whole desires to pay just tribute to the people who toil. This is all inclusive. Not only are the organized workers paid tribute on this day, but the unorganized as well. Organized Labor has no selfish motive tucked away in its heart and holds nothing but good wishes for its fellowman, organized and unorganized, no matter what creed or race.

In this The Journal and its entire staff join the mutlitudes in wishing for all Americans nothing other than the best that our great God provides.

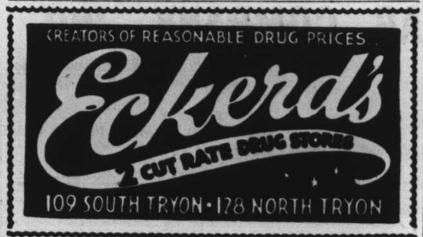
#### THE MASS MEETING IN CHARLOTTE

The Labor mass meeting in the Mecklenburg County Courthouse under sponsorship of Charlotte Central Labor Union Sunday afternoon, August 25th, was largely attended by delegates representing American Federation of Labor Unions throughout North Carolina and South Carolina and The Journal is glad to chronicle that the results were very suc-

The August 25th meeting was the formal opening of the American Federation of Labor's membership drive for the two Carolinas and plans were laid here for a most intensive campaign to get underway within a short time.

Although a nice crowd came to Charlotte to participate in this rally, may The Journal take time out to herald that the attendance should have been much larger. Perhaps some of those who had anticipated coming to Charlotte from out of town were prevented from doing so due to bad weather in other sections of the two States, or illness, or other causes. The fact remains, however, that many came despite this

Sterling L. Hicks, president of Charlotte Central Labor Union, Claude Nolan, business agent for the Carpenters Dan Anderson, business agent for the Teamsters and Chauffeurs, and others of the Acal labor movement, deserve praise for the fine work they did in instigating the meeting. Earle Britton, AFL co-ordinator and director of the campaign for the two Carolnas, did everything he could to make it a success. The message has been put over in great style, despite handicaps, and now it is up to the members of the local unions throughout this section of North Carolina and South Carolina to take up the burden and share it with those now carrying the ball. We can do it-and let's go!



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## LABOR DAY, 1946

# Union Wages Create Prosperity

I. M. ORNBURN, Secretary-Treasurer Union Label Trades Department, American Federation of Labor

Labor Day always marks great progress in the American Federation of Labor movement. The past year has been one of outstanding achievement.

All practical economists agree that higher Union wages comprise the major portion of American purchasing power. Lower wages which cause underconsumption are the chief reason for depressions. When Union-earned money is spent for Union-made goods and Union services good times are guaranteed.

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# Rejects U.S. Move to Dictate on Labor Issues

summer session with a series of rapid-fire actions designed to make the American Federation of Labor stronger than ever before in history, the AFL Executive Council served notice on the Government that it will resist any further interference with labor-management rela-

Voicing the policy of the Federation's leaders, President William Green announced rejection of proposals that the President call another national labor-management conference in Washing-

"We doubt the wisdom of such action," Mr. Green declared. "It would not be productive of good results. We prefer to work out agreements with employers through collective bargaining, free from Government intervention and Government control."

The suggestion for a labor-management conference was interpreted by AFL leaders as a desperate CIO ruse for the Government to come to its rescue. Shaky from inner feuds with Communist leaders and from the impact of outside economic pressures, the CIO was further weakened by defections from its ranks with more and more unions bidding to rejoin the AFL.

By contrast, developments at the Executive Council meeting con- J. Brown, President of the Internafirmed that the AFL is now at peak strength and growing more powerful all the time. Outstanding de. velopments at the closing session

Maritime Trades Department. ters, paid for by funds contributed Starting with a nucleus of five by AFL members, had been seized powerful unions whose members by Government authorities. are engaged in shipping and waterfront activity, the new organization will set out to wipe out Communist influence in the maritime industry. It will hold its Constitutional convention in Chicago

3. Announcement by Secretary-Treasurer George Meany that the AFL's total paid-up membership hit an all-time high of 7,007,000 as of July 31 and indications that this figure will go up to 7,100,000 by Aug. 31, the end of the AFL's fis-

The Executive Council also as sumed militant leadership in the field of foreign affairs. Developments included:

1. Strong denunciation of the continued use of slave labor and forced labor by European countries, coupled with a demand that goods made by such oppressed workers be barred from world

2. Appointment of two fraternal delegates from the AFL to the forthcoming convention of the British Trades Union Congress in England. They are Thomas Kennedy, Secretary-Treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America, and Ed tional Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

3. Appeals to President Truman and the State Department to use their influence to end suppression 1. Chartering of a new union, of free trade unionism in China. the 106th in the Federation's fam- This action was taken in response ily, with 30,000 members. Its name to a cabled request from H. F. Chu, is the National Farm Labor Union. representing Chinese labor, who re-Most of its members are employed ported that Chinese labor leaders on big plantations in the South. | had been arrested in Shanghai and

2. Creation of a new department | Chungking and that workers' within the AFL to be known as the schools, hospitals and welfare cen-

"Under the present political situation, free 'trade unionism has been utterly crushed in China," Mr. Chu said in his cablegram from Shanghai.

Joseph A. Padway, chief counsel for the AFL, reported in detail to the Council on the trend of antilabor legislation in Congress and in the State Legislatures. The Council ordered a vigorous drive to counteract such moves and to challenge in the courts the validity of antilabor laws already adopted.

An application was made by representatives of the Post Office Mechanics Union, an independent organization representing 3,000 workers, for a charter of affiliation as a national union. The matter was referred to the AFL Government Employes Council for investigation, with the prospects of an early and favorable report.

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