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Data On Forced Labor Proof Of Red System

By MATTHEW WOLL

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labor system): The working people of all na- distressing fact that punishment, it will be found that an internations owe a debt of deep gratitude vengeance, and ruthless exploita- tional federation of labor which to the government of Great Brit- tion of man by man for the bene- excluded the state organized and ain for making public and avail- fit of an ever-narrowing power- controlled unions in the Soviet able to the free world the text mad clique is an organic feature countries, played as great a part of the forced labor laws prevail- of the entire economic system of in saving free institutions as the Soviet Russia and its concepts of agreements for self-defense which ing in the Russian empire. By presenting the full and of- law, justice and even education. have been entered into by the selfficial text of the "Chronological Here is a terrible challenge to governing countries.

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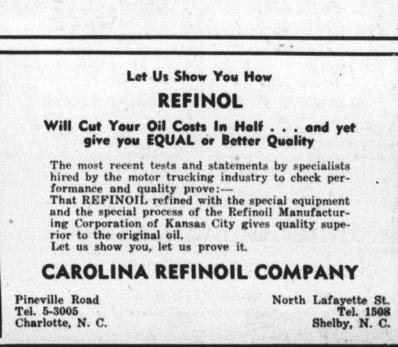
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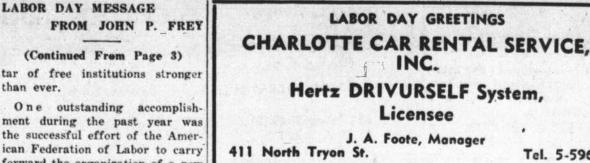
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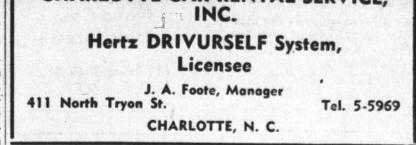
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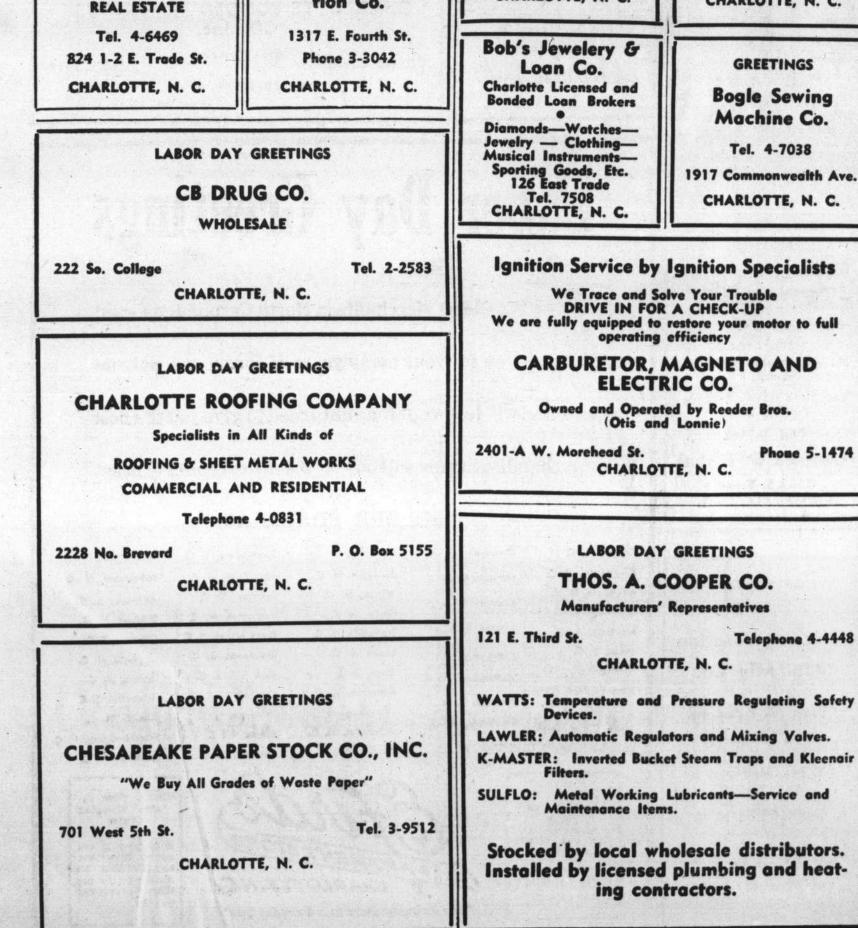








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