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SOCIAL SECURITY AND THE WORKINGMAN

Last time, you remember, you read here actual cases of workingmen—and wives and children of workingmen—who lost money because they did not get in touch with the Social Security Administration when they became 65 years old. Or, in the case of wives, and children, they did not see the social security people when the worker died.

A lot of people have wrong ideas about this social security, and its these wrong ideas which keep them from seeing about the payments which are coming to them. Now no matter what you've been told by others, or whether or not you think you can be paid, when you become 65 years old, stop in at the social security office. And tell your wife and the rest of your family to also stop there if anything should happen to you. Make this a rule and stick by it.

The people who run the social security law are working for you. They are instructed by Federal regulations to answer your questions. It doesn't cost anything to ask, but if you don't ask, it might cost you plenty in lost benefits.

This old-age and survivors insurance is provided for you by law if you qualify. But many people lose money because they do not file a claim promptly. Don't forget: You workingmen are paying good hard cash for this insurance, and you and your family have a RIGHT to it. You wouldn't keep from asking an insurance company to pay off on a policy you've purchased, would you? Well don't keep from asking for your social security payments when you're 65. And tell your wife to ask for these payments if you should die.

Here in the Charlotte district there are a number of older workers who came from "the old country." If you are one of these workers, don't think that that keeps you from getting your social security payments. It does not. It doesn't even make any difference whether you are a citizen or not. Some persons lose benefits because they think non-citizens can't collect. That's wrong. If you are one of the persons who thinks this way, and you are over 65 years old, you'd better see about it.

Another thing that has some people worried is the matter of property. Under this old-age insurance program it doesn't make any difference whether you have any property or not. And if you do have property, no one asks you about it. You won't lose any property by applying for your old-age insurance payments. Neither will your wife if she is 65. And you can feel safe in knowing, that, in case of your death, your wife and children will not have to give up any property to get these payments. So, now

if there are any of you men of labor who are not getting benefits (if you're eligible for them) because of this, you too, should see about it.

Strange as it may seem to some people, there have been persons who didn't apply for social security payments because they didn't need the money, that's okay, but you don't have to NEED the money in order to get paid from old-age and survivors insurance. The Social Security Administration doesn't ask you (or your family) what you need or what you don't need. All the Administration wants to know is whether you've worked long enough. Most of you men of labor have worked long enough.

One feature of this social security office which is different from a lot of offices is that, if necessary, they'll make arrangements to suit you. If you can't get to see them when their office is open, or if you live too far away, just write them a letter. They'll make some kind of arrangement to get things going so you can be paid. For your information, the local office of the Social Security Administration is at 122 East Third Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, telephone 2-5033. Office hours are from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M., Monday through Fridays.

WM. GREEN ASSAILS DESTRUCTIVE FORCES
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 social handicaps and economic catastrophes which cause heartaches, discontent and eventually can lead to revolution." Charging that the Tory pro-

DEFENSE SEC. JOHNSON HAILS LABOR'S GOALS

Washington.—Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson issued the following message commemorating Labor Day:

"I welcome the opportunity offered by Labor Day to extend greetings to American labor on behalf of the Department of Defense. Among the nation's working men and women we count by the millions our friends who served in the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force or who supported the armed forces on the production line. Today American workers are making clear their

program is a "do-nothing" policy. Mr. Green invited the support of progressive groups from all segments of American life to join with labor in supporting broad social measures. He warned:

"If we allow the Tafts and Byrds to run our country, and to run it on a policy of doing nothing, we will get nowhere. We believe in doing something and getting somewhere."

MacGOWAN URGES FARM-LABOR ACTION
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to provide our people with full dinner pails and satisfied stomachs.

"Unite upon slum clearance, in urban and rural areas alike.

"Unite upon adequate social security for all the people. But above all—let them unite in brotherhood—for this is the basic challenge of our era."

determination that the democracy for which we fought and worked in time of war will prosper in time of peace. The armed forces are united in sharing that determination."

leaders in Washington. Any union wanting one of the records may obtain it by writing to: Radio Dept., Labor's League for Political Education, 1525 H Street, N.W., Washington 5, D. C.

WRITE FOR THIS RECORD: IT'S WORTH LISTENING TO
 Washington, Aug. 29.—Phonograph records of a speech by Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) on the importance of the 1950 elections are available at Labor's League for Education.

AFL CHEMICAL WORKERS WIN NEW WAGE BOOST
 Binghamton, N. Y. — Anso division of General Aniline & Film Corp. granted 1,500 production workers represented by the AFL International Chemical Workers Union a 5-cent hourly pay increase under a new contract.

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