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WEEKLY BIBLE THOUGHT

"Come unto Me, and ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me: for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and my burden is light."—Matthew 11:28-30.

AFL Champions Individual Dignity

Confidence in the attainment of industrial recognition is rapidly and abundantly receiving its reward in the vast Southern sector of the United States. The potentially great industrial destiny of the South becomes increasingly apparent as each successive year surpasses the preceding year in new, or expanded industrial developments.

While such development of this area was inevitable, progress has been painfully slow until the emergency of World War II witnessed the establishment of giant defense industries in the Southern states and unparalleled production accomplishments.

Increasing numbers of enlightened industrialists are awakening to the advantages of erecting manufacturing plants near the source of supply of the raw materials upon which their industries depend.

Petroleum, steel, textile, citrus fruit processing and the paper manufacturing industries have been among the pioneers in the industrial migration to the South and unquestionably it is only a matter of time before the movement will be materially accelerated.

Unfortunately, many employers look to the South as a haven of refuge from the trade union movement, such refugees, if they are seeking sanctuary in an open-shoppers Utopia would be better off if they remained in their present locations.

Southern workers resent the implication that they will accept wage and working standards which are inferior to those prevalent elsewhere. They are union conscious and realize that many of the old line trade unions were organized originally in the South.

While it is an individual prerogative to affiliate with a trade union or not to do so, it is an inescapable fact that those who have taken advantage of the opportunity of becoming identified with the American Federation of Labor have followed the path that leads to industrial liberty, better living standards and the more abundant, happy life, while the non-union industrial worker is destined to a limited, insecure, fear-ridden, miserable existence.

The American Federation of Labor is the champion of individual dignity and a veritable bulwark of Democracy.

The North Carolina Federation of Post Office Clerks is to be congratulated for the splendid meeting they arranged last month for their eastern district conference meeting in Goldsboro. Also, the members of the Goldsboro local are commended for being the splendid hosts they proved themselves to be. They left nothing undone that would make the meeting interesting and successful. The next meeting will go to the Western district with Gastonia clerks as hosts on December 3.

Charlotte's Radio Technicians Local union deserves the unstinted backing of every AFL union in this district for having kept continuously at trying to win their case with Radio Station WBT. They should have both moral and sufficient financial aid from brother unions to enable them to follow through to a successful conclusion.

The Journal extends sympathy to Bro. Thomas B. Moore, editor of The Tar Heel Fed, official publication of the North Carolina Federation of Post Office Clerks, in the death of his father Thomas Bell Moore, in Boone on September 27. Funeral services were conducted in Boone and interment was in Boone county cemetery.

Urges Labor Unity



W. C. Doherty, president of National Association of Letter Carriers and AFL vice-president, reports to St. Paul convention as chairman on organization urging continued efforts toward achieving unity within the labor movement.

reflected the rapid growth of benefit plans over the years. The figure, which would have been larger had all unions submitted complete data, was about \$8,000,000 more than was disbursed in 1947, and roughly \$16,000,000 greater than the payments made in 1946.

Over a decade benefits paid by AFL unions have increased more than two and one-half times. Back in 1938 the council reported a total of \$25,586,288 in various welfare payments.

The council report for the year 1948 showed that miscellaneous benefits, death benefits and old age payments ranked in that order in terms of the total dollar value paid out to union members or beneficiaries. Unemployment benefits represented the smallest share of the total disbursed.

The International Ladies Garment Workers Union and the International Typographical Union ran neck and neck in the amount of funds paid to their members for various benefits. Both unions topped the \$16,000,000 mark. The next highest payment reported was by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen which distributed a total of \$9,168,918. Nine unions reported that they had spent more than \$1,000,000 during 1948 for various welfare services.

Twenty-eight of the reporting union declared that they had paid

no international benefits during the year.

PRAYER

O God, while we, who have plenty of this world's goods, attempt to share with the needy of the world, wilt Thou feed our souls on the bread that comes from heaven and slake our thirst with the water of eternal life. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The first book printed on the press brought across the Atlantic by the Puritans. The book was hymnal, produced on a printing North American continent was a entitled "Bay Song Book."

Polio Precautions



A good health rule for parents to impress upon children in infantile paralysis epidemic areas is to avoid crowds and places where close contact with other persons is likely.

THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Union Benefit Payments Up 2 1-2 Times In Decade

St. Paul.—Organized labor's active interest in welfare programs for workers was highlighted by the AFL Executive Council's report of benefits to their members during 1948.

Benefits paid included those for death, sickness, unemployment, old age, disability, and for other miscellaneous purposes according to the specific provisions of the benefit plans adopted by the various unions.

The total payments for 1948



HEADS UP! DON'T BE STRUCK DOWN!

More than 20,000 pedestrians are injured or killed every month by motor vehicles. When walking, watch for drivers. When driving, watch for walkers. A careless walker soon rides—in an ambulance or a hearse. Don't you be the one!

Be Careful—the life you save may be your own!



COMES THE REVOLUTION!

It's here—now—today!

For you—the American citizen—are the greatest revolutionist in history!

You have met those age-old tyrants—cold, hunger, dirt, disease—and hurled them back.

True, they have not surrendered. We still have poverty. We still have sharp ups and downs of prices and jobs. The revolution still goes on.

But it has gone farther here. We have won for ourselves more comfort, more convenience, more security and independence, than any other people since the world began.

As yet, this revolution—the Industrial Revolution—has hardly begun in other great areas.

For two-thirds of the human race, the amount of food, clothing and shelter they are able to get with their best labors is never more than just enough to live on.

In the modern world that can't last.

Right now the people of many nations are faced with a choice—between dictatorship and a free economy.

And they are taking a long look at us.

At the promise of individual reward that has stimu-

lated American invention and business enterprise.

At American technical progress, which has made mechanical energy perform miracles of mass production, reflected in constantly lower costs—and in the long run, lower prices.

At American workers—free to organize, to bargain collectively with their employers, to choose their jobs and to change them at will—with no ceilings on advancement and constantly increasing real wages for shorter working hours.

If we continue to make that system work—if we constantly turn out more for every hour we put in—if we keep on creating more wealth for all of us and more jobs for more people—then other nations will follow us.

Let's make our free, dynamic American system run so well at home that others will want to follow our example.

If we do that, we will give new hope to millions everywhere.

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