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SAMUEL GOMPERS

The observance of the centennial of Samuel Gompers' birth has come to a close. The great leader of the American Federation of Labor, though he was not born in this country, loved the ideals of the United States with all his heart and he made them his guide in the development of our organization, which is now the strongest trade union movement in the world. He modeled the constitution of the American Federation of Labor after that of our country and its government after the practices of self-government or voluntarism.

Samuel Gompers rejected all the cults and isms of Europe for the ideal of free opportunity which had conquered a primeval land and made it serve the welfare of a free people. He held that each man and woman must accept responsibility for his own life and progress in living and learn to co-operate with those with like problems in order to do what needs to be done to achieve progress.

Wage-earners who joined unions did so because they believed in the union way of life, which enabled each worker, through his union, to have a voice in determining the terms and conditions under which he toiled. Since the job is the basis of the worker's life, this voice gives the worker dignity and responsibility, two essentials of satisfactory living.

Because Gompers found in America an equality between men, a nation where each was evaluated by his ability to accomplish results, he rejected the class-conscious struggle of socialism predicated on irreconcilable conflict between employers and workers. In its place Gompers helped to develop the idea of collective bargaining between workers and employers. Out of collective bargaining, based on known and accepted facts, develops a sense of mutuality when dealing is fair and a growing realization that the welfare of all is interrelated.

The leadership of Gompers brought us to the practice of co-operation in production and collective bargaining, and we have tried to move forward along that road.

Gompers' emphasis on personal responsibility and voluntary methods of determining the relations between employers and employed led to opposition to any infringement of the workers' freedom in this field. He feared especially regimentation by the government. Accordingly, he held that whenever the government took over a new function in our economy, it should do so with the voluntary organizations of employers and workers in a consultative relationship with equal authority in making the rules and methods of administration.

We should remember this precept in the critical days and years ahead, and we can best honor the memory of Samuel Gompers by insisting upon such a relationship as the basis of our co-operation—Atlanta Journal of Labor.

WHERE TAX DOLLAR GOES

A budget dollar chart has just been published in Washington, D. C., which gives some interesting facts about where your tax dollar goes, according to the Washington Teamster. In view of the fact that the boys in Congress are fixing to take another fat bite out of your paycheck, it is well to know that out of every dollar that Uncle Sam collects, he spends 58 cents for military preparedness and to pay for past wars. Seven cents more goes for various Veterans programs. Ten cents is the cost of international affairs and obligations and 17 cents is the total cost of all other government activities. That leaves eight cents to pay the interest on the public debt.

Out of the 17 cents comes the money for Social Security, for the departments of government, for Federal aid to the States, and all the rest. This business of military safety is expensive—but it is also equally important. Without adequate military protection we would have no government, no Social Security, no country.

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America's Top Dessert



Yes, whether you purchase it at your favorite store, or make up a trayful or two in the refrigerator—ice cream definitely "tops" the desert parade in the majority of homes.

The hotter the day, the more we crave for a heaping, cooling dish of ice cream. It lowers the body temperature, is a healthful dessert, and best of all "it hits the spot".

Delicious homemade ice cream may be made in the cool of the morning and brought out to the delight of family or guests in the afternoon or evening.

Here's a banana cherry ice cream recipe that you should try, especially during the hot weather. Do this and you'll be using the same recipe months from now—for after all, good ice cream is a year-round favorite. The addition of the rennet tablet will make the smoothest refrigerator ice cream you have ever tasted. Follow the directions and you'll agree:

- Banana Cherry Ice Cream**
- 1 rennet tablet
 - 1 tablespoon cold water
 - 2 cups light cream
 - 1/4 cup sugar
 - 1/4 cup corn sirup
 - 1/2 cup mashed ripe bananas
 - 1/2 cup well-drained, chopped cherries

Dissolve rennet tablet by crushing in cold water. Mix light cream, sugar, and corn sirup. Warm slowly, stirring constantly. Test a drop on inside of wrist frequently. When COMFORTABLY WARM, (110° F.) not hot, remove at once from heat. Add dissolved rennet tablet and stir quickly for a few seconds only. Pour at once, while still liquid, into refrigerator tray. Do not move until set—about 10 minutes. Place in freezing compartment and freeze until firm. Remove from tray to bowl, break up with fork and beat with electric or rotary beater until free from hard lumps but still a thick mush. Fold in bananas and cherries. Finish freezing.

Uncle Sam Says



There is a job to be done and every American citizen has been asked to do his share. Our boys now going into the Defense services need your all-out support and in every possible way, from the manufacture of armament to helping finance our huge defense program. Volunteers are needed to help in a vital part of the country's struggle for existence. Whatever your job you can help in this great program, both by the purchase of Defense Bonds to the limit of your ability and by asking your friends and neighbors to invest in U. S. Defense Bonds.



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