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CHARLOTTE BUSES ARE ROLLING AGA Printers Of Carolinas, Virginia, To Meet In Charlotte May 1952 CONSTRUCTION CONTROLS ARE EXTEND

Labor To Fight Slash In Housing

WASHINGTON .- State Federations of Labor and Central Labor Unions were asked to fight wrecking of public housing by the reactionary Republican-Dixiecrat coalition on Congress.

AFL Vice President Harry C. Bates, chairman AFL Housing Committee, sent letters to all State Federations and Central Labor Unions asking them to wire their senators, Chairman Kenneth McKellar of the Senate Appropriations Committee and Chairman Burnet Maybank of the Senate subcommittee requesting their votes to remove the limitation on housing imposed by the House.

The vote on housing is just one of many actions taken by the "unholy alliance" of Republicans and Dixitecrats under cover of the national debate on foreign policy.

Vice President Bates gave the story on housing in a telegram to Senator McKellar:

of the United States dealt a shat- editors call a "natural." tering blow to the nation's effort But how many papers-either

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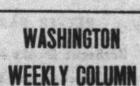
"While the excuse given for the housing program is "economy, "scarcity of materials," and "the war effort," this drastic action certainly cannot be justified on those grounds. Construction of luxury housing for the wealthy is being permitted to continue. The recently announced regulation of the National Production Authority affecting luxury housing simply requires that permits be obtained for construction of home costing more than \$35,000 per unit. This obviously means that the well-to-do will be able to build high-priced homes costing up to \$35,000 with no restriction whatspever.

"Instead of cutting back the low-rent public housing program, it should continue at the level of 135,000 units per year contemplated by Congress in the Housing Act of 1949. This is the very minimum of housing that should be provided for our lowest income families. Now, more than ever, our housing program should be focussed on meeting the nation's most acute housing needs. One of the most urgent needs is to provide decent housing for lowincome families now living in slums. This attempt to kill the low-rent public housing program under the cloak of emergency must not be permitted to succeed.

"The AFL calls on you to support the vote for the removal of the limitation by the House and for the appropriation sufficient to provide the 135,000 units per year originally authorized by the Congress in the Housing Act of

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The Kefauver Report

resentatives to limit the low-rent Committee which investigated inpublic housing program to only terstate crime has gotten a big 5,000 units per year for the whole play in the papers. It's what

to strengthen America's defense. in their news columns or their If the Congress cuts out such editorials—published the report's casentic programs as low-rent Conclusion No. 17? It was this: sium clearance and raial . . . legi mate business men contracts to gangsters and mobtempts at organization and

> breaking strikes." Did you paper print it. Gifts Not Tax-free

Note to businessu Don't fall for the line that contributions to such outfits as Merwin Hart's National Economic

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W. M. WITTER. Associate Editor

For many years editor, owner and publisher of The Charlotte
Labor Journal, but who for some time has been on the semi-retired
list. Brother Witter's mind is as alert as it was 20 years ago and
he will enjoy having his old friends of by gone days paying him a
visit at his home, 536 Marsh Road, Charlotte.

"The vote of the House of Rep. The report of the Kefauver Journal Oldest Continuously **Published Labor Publication** In North And South Carolina With this issue of The Charlotte Labor Journal this

newspaper greets its readers and advertisers after having begun upon its 21st year of publication as of May 17th, making it the oldest continuously published labor publi tion in the States of North Carolina and South Carolina. In this issue The Journal car- tude for the marvelous support sters in return for help in han- ries the advertisements of its that has been given this publiwiping out of the low-rent public dling employes, defeating at- loyal friends over the past years, cation throughout the past 20 together with new advertisers years. This they do with all the that have been added since this reaching its maturity, figured in newspaper first began operating years calculated as a mature age as a public voice for American for man, the editors pledge that Federation of Labor Unions in The Journal will express a more

should they fail to express grati- the past.

this State back in 1931.

vigorous voice in the community The editor and associate editor development of better labor-man- from the Superintendent of Docu-Council, and Rumely's Committee would indeed be very ungrateful agement relations than it has in ments, Washington 25, D. C.

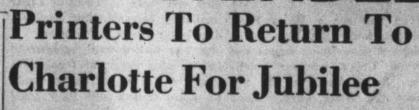


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SELLING TO THE ARMY Order your pamphlet, "How to Sell to the United States Army," Price 30 cents.



The 1952 Silver Anniversary meeting of the Virginia-Carolinas and District of Columbia Typographical Conference will return to Charlotte in May of 1952 to celebrate and meet in the city of its birth in 1927. The invitation of Charlotte Typographical Union for the conference to meet here next year was extended on behalf of local members of the Internatonal Typographical Union by the local's president, J. T. Primm and his co-delegate, A. M. Farris, at the annual meeting held in Norfolk, Va., May 25 and 26.

Truce Declared In Bus Strike

Buses of Charlotte and five other Carolinas cities began to roll again at 5 o'clock this morning, following the reaching of an agreement between the Duke Power Company, Federal and State conciliators, spokesmen for the striking employes and the mayors of the various cities involved.

The outcome of a request by the mayors of the various cities involved calling for immediate action in efforts to get the buses running again resulted in a 14-day truee being declared

lotte announced the culmina-tion of recent efforts to get the participants in the dispute to-gether to formulate a workable plan whereby the citizen of the cities involved may have use of the transportation facilities while contract negotiations are being worked out Mayor Shaw being worked out. Mayor Shaw contacted the mayors of Wins-ton-Salem, High Point, Salis-bury, Greenville and Spartan-burg, S. C., by telephone yest-terday and last night and each joined Mr. Shaw in making the request for resumption of bus operations in their cities.

State and Federal mediators

will continue to confer with company and union officials during the period of the truce. They are Joseph C. Wright, chairman, commissioner of the Federal Mediation Service, and Frank Crane and W. J. Sprinkle, Jr., conciliators for the North and South Carolina Departments of Labor, respective-

The meeting in 1952 will be held in the fourth week in May and the local typo union will soon name its convention committee to make arrangements for holding the silver jubilee here next year. Approximately 500 delegates and visitors attended the Norfolk meeting last week-end and it is expected that several hundred more will come to Charlotte next

At the first meeting in Charlotte in 1927 only seven delegates met here. They represented about 400 members of ITU unions throughout the territory at that meeting. At the Norfol neeting 24 local unions pa pated with delegates repr throughout the conference dis-

About 20 delegates and visitors from Charlotte attended the Norfolk meeting

OFFICERS CHOSEN

At the Norfolk convention, O. N. Burgess of Charlotte was reelected secretary-treasurer of the Virginia - Carolinas conference. Other officers named at the same time are E. M. Hathaway of Richmond, Va., who was re-elected president, and Garland Mc-Bride of Newport News, Va., who was elected vice president.

At a meeting of the auxiliary to the conference, Mrs. Mabell Alexander of Charlotte was reelected president, and Mrs. J. T. Primm was re-elected secretary. Sixteen persons from Charlotta attended the Norfolk sessions.

NPA Will Conserve Steel

In a major move to conserve steel for defense, NPA has placed virtually all building construction in the United States under controls.

The action was taken in an amendment to order M-4 originally issued last October to put into effect controls over construction.

residential housing and small month last year. apartment buildings,

more steel becomes available. that end.

Not Enough Steel Fleischmann stated upon issuance proposed construction projects so of the amendment that there is that those not considered absojust not enough steel to go lutely essential can be deferred around. Since the essential de- until the materials situation imfense requirements must be met, proves.

tion activity. While outlays on

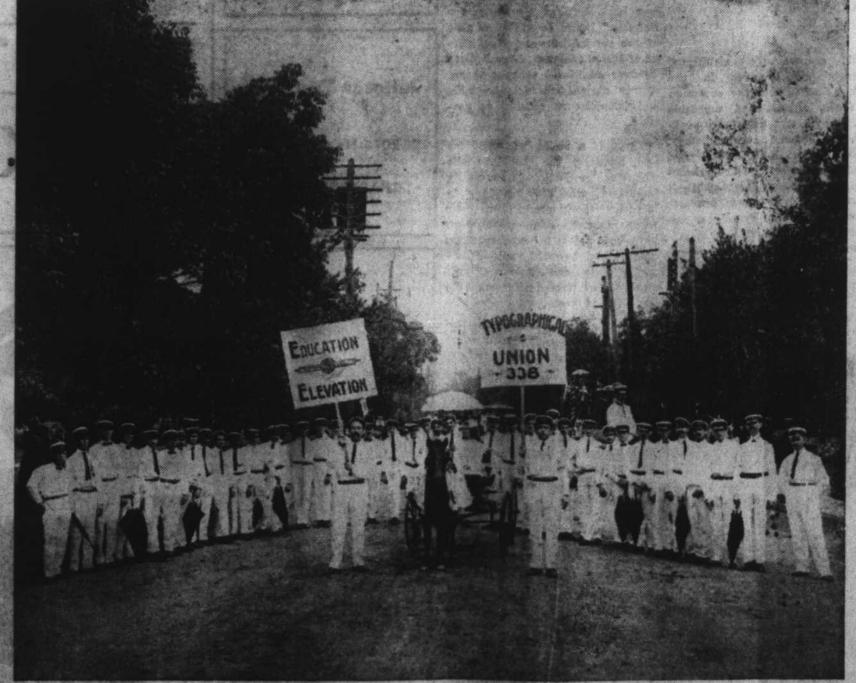
The amendment requires that private industrial plant construcpermission be obtained before any tion in April were more than building construction using more twice the pre-emergency volume, than 25 tons of steel is begun, increases in public expenditures There are few exceptions, the for construction during that month principal ones being non-luxury were up 31 percent over the same

NPA hopes that when present The action will have far-reach- programs for expanding steel and ing effects both upon the con- aluminum - production are going struction industry, which will un- full force, it will be possible to dergo a partial realignment into alleviate the restrictions on cidefense and industrial construction imposed by tion, and upon the public, which this order. Whenever the supwill have to forego many import- ply of building materials imant and desirable projects until proves, NPA will take action to

However, the amended order NPA Administrtor Manly will result in the screening of all

civilians will have to do with less It is generally recognized that steel. That is the price of pre- in the long run it is more deparedness Mr. Fleischmann add- sirable to prevent the beginning of non-essential projects, rather Previous controls have not re- than to let them get under way sulted in a reduction of construc- and then be forced to halt con-

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CHARLOTTE TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION MEMBERS OF YESTERYEAR

the young lady mascot of the old boys! They evidently had their women around, too. Nonetheless did they interfere with the slogans noted on the signs, however — that "Education" and "Elevation." And, to this day, their successors are carrying on with the purposes established by those old stalwarts of by-gone days. The Journal's associate editor is somewhere in