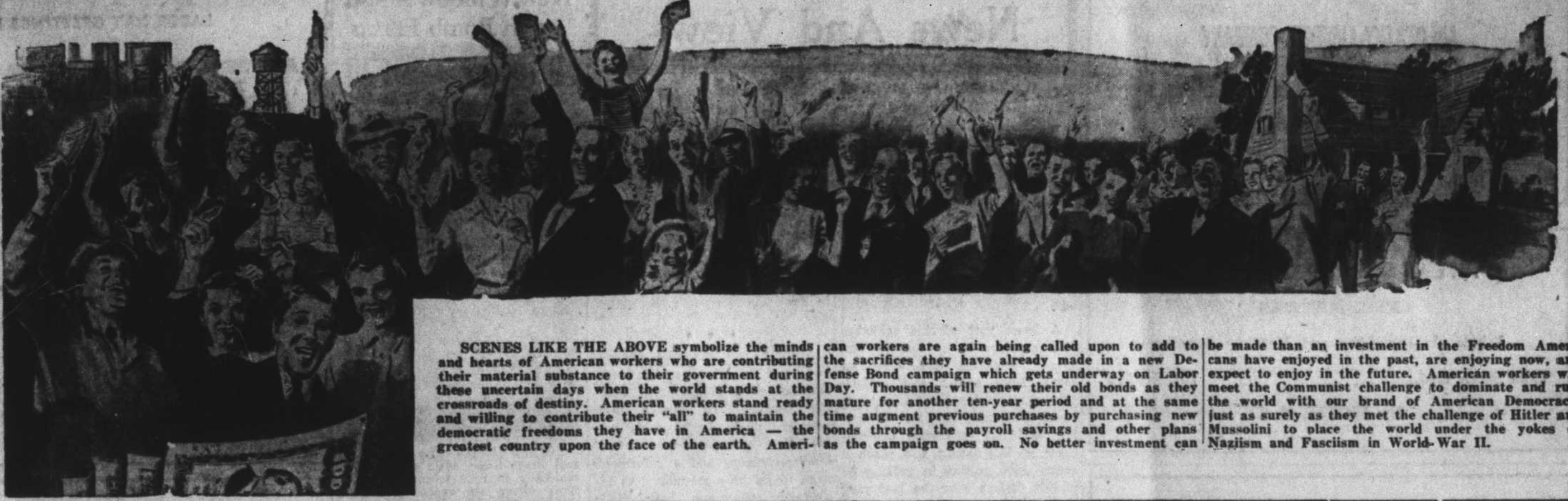


1951 Labor DAY



SCENES LIKE THE ABOVE symbolize the minds and hearts of American workers who are contributing their material substance to their government during these uncertain days when the world stands at the crossroads of destiny. American workers stand ready and willing to contribute their "all" to maintain the democratic freedoms they have in America — the greatest country upon the face of the earth. American workers are again being called upon to add to the sacrifices they have already made in a new Defense Bond campaign which gets underway on Labor Day. Thousands will renew their old bonds as they mature for another ten-year period and at the same time augment previous purchases by purchasing new bonds through the payroll savings and other plans as the campaign goes on. No better investment can be made than an investment in the Freedom Americans have enjoyed in the past, are enjoying now, and expect to enjoy in the future. American workers will meet the Communist challenge to dominate and rule the world with our brand of American Democracy, just as surely as they met the challenge of Hitler and Mussolini to place the world under the yokes of Nazism and Fascism in World-War II.

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PRaise FOR LABOR MADE BY NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

largest religious organization paid tribute to the labor movement for its historic fight against injustice, which it said had been carried on "against enormous odds and often with little means except devotion and courage."

Praise for the labor movement was made by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., which was created last year by 29 denominations embracing a total membership of more than 31,000,000.

The National Council's statement, passed by its General Board was in the form of a "Labor Sunday Message," to be used in connection with special church and labor observances on the Sunday prior to Labor Day, September 2.

Speaking of labor's record, the message stated: "There has been a record of achievement in the cause of humanity in which the churches are proud to have had a share."

As a result of labor's efforts, the message continued, "industrial life is much improved through united effort and much of the bitterness of the past has been forgotten. Relations between employee and employer are widely based upon acceptance of organized labor and are carried on with sincere negotiation and mutual respect."

The message noted with satisfaction labor's efforts to bridge its differences and draw closer together. It also attested to labor's "recognition of those moral values which provide national as well as personal security," which it said had been demonstrated by labor's struggle "against racketeers and against those who would destroy democratic principles and institutions."

At the same time, the message appealed to labor to accept the responsibilities which go "with the use of power."

"Power in itself is no measure of enduring greatness," the message warned, "because of its significance to millions of workers and its place in the community, the labor movement cannot escape responsibility for the social consequences of the use of its power."

In this connection, the message called upon the labor movement to exert its power for the development of a "dynamic leadership," directed toward "the brotherhood to which the Christian gospel calls us."

"Such brotherhood," the message observed, "is nurtured in those unions where the rights of members to speak freely and fully are protected and encouraged. It grows stronger . . . with every victory over prejudice, bigotry and factionalism."

Pointing to the danger from abroad, the church statement asked labor to assume its full share of responsibility in the "crucial role America must play in world affairs."

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LABOR SUNDAY MESSAGE, 1951

(Approved by the General Board of The National Council of the Churches in the United States of America and issued through the Department of the Church and Economic Life.)

Requested to be read in the churches on Labor Sunday, September 2, 1951, or if preferred, on September 9, 1951:

Men serve God when they strive for brotherhood, freedom, and justice. It is our Christian conviction that useful work is also a means of serving God. Therefore, it is the Christian's responsibility to understand the conditions under which men work, to see that work is made meaningful, and that it brings a just reward.

In this spirit the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America issues this Labor Sunday Message in honor of all workers both within and outside the churches.

Christian responsibility calls us to action

—wherever, in the midst of the plenty which multitudes today enjoy, there are families who still taste the bitterness of daily poverty;

—wherever those who labor in the fields as migrants, whether from within or without our borders, work without respect accorded to their human dignity, without a basis for security, or without a place in the community.

—wherever the aged or disabled who depend on savings or pensions, or others who depend on small, fixed incomes suffer increasing hardships due to the rising cost of living;

—wherever men are denied fair employment opportunities.

Record of Achievement

Through the years labor unions have fought for justice often against enormous odds and often with little means except devotion and courage. There has been a record of achievement in the cause of humanity in which the churches are proud to have had a share. Today our industrial life is much improved through united effort, and much of the bitterness of the past has been forgotten. Relations between employee and employer are widely based upon acceptance of organized labor and are carried on with sincere negotiation and mutual respect.

It is encouraging that progress is being made toward bridging the divisions within the ranks of labor. Labor's recognition of those moral values which provide national as well as personal security is demonstrated by its share in the struggle against racketeers and against those who would destroy democratic principles and institutions. We trust that unions will continue the effort to keep themselves free from control by any external group which seeks to exploit them for its own ends.

But another kind of vigilance is also called for in these days of great organizational accomplishment. The vital spirit that gives life and meaning to trade

unionism must not be lost. In a unique way the labor movement gathers up the aspirations of multitudes of people. It is not enough that millions of workers are union members and that their dues are paid regularly. It is not enough that wages are fairer, working conditions improved, and security against the hazards of sickness or old age more certain. It is not enough even that the labor movement has grown to large stature as an influence in community and national life. Although these are welcome achievements for which trade unions deserve great credit, they are not enough. For man does not live by bread alone.

Responsibility for Brotherhood

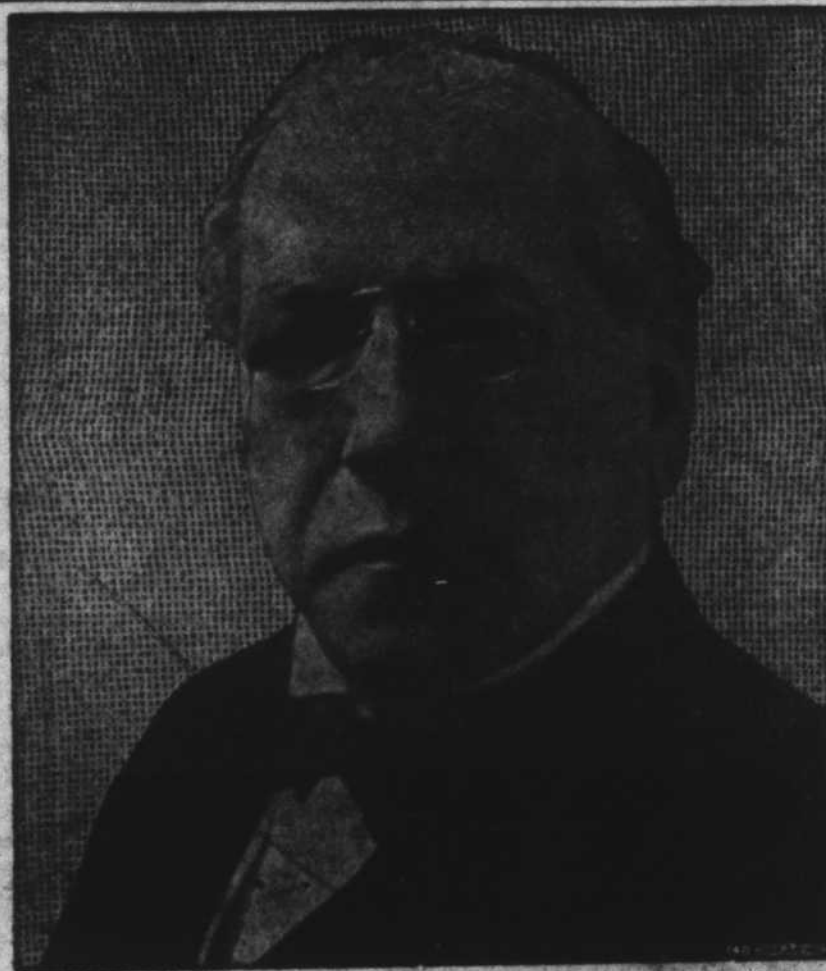
We are all challenged today in the name of God to reject complacency. Power in itself is no measure of enduring greatness. Because of its significance to millions of workers and its place in the community the labor movement cannot escape responsibility for the social consequences of the use of its power. For that power offers enormous continuing opportunity for good — for taking dynamic leadership in working toward that brotherhood to which the Christian gospel calls us, for breaking down the walls between races, classes, and nations, and for creating a world in which all men can live as brothers. Such brotherhood is nurtured in those unions where the rights of members to speak freely and fully are protected and encouraged. It grows stronger with every victory in union or shop over prejudice, bigotry, and factionalism.

The responsibility of labor for brotherhood extends—and is widely accepted—beyond its own confines. Labor, along with other segments of our society, should share fully in the crucial role America must play in world affairs. Our aid should not be employed to support reaction, to protect entrenched greed, nor to rescue the discredited or corrupt. Only by placing works of justice and brotherhood at the heart of our foreign policy may we hope to achieve either security for ourselves or freedom from fear for the world. To carry forward this world task effectively America must work with the other freedom-loving nations for the elimination everywhere of poverty, exploitation, and discrimination and for the building of a world based on increasing self-help and mutual co-operation.

Fulfillment of Our Common Dream

In our own times we have seen by repeated examples that courageous labor leaders and enlightened industrialists, with the co-operation and encouragement of churches, can accomplish great and significant social gains within a free democratic society. The fulfillment of our common dream of a world in which peace and justice prevail can come only if

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SAMUEL GOMPERS, First AFL President

PRESIDENT SAMUEL GOMPERS ALWAYS LOOKED AHEAD

(From Samuel Gompers Labor Day Message, 1901)

Labor Day, 1901, is the first of the new century, a century to be fraught with momentous results in every field of human activity.

In spite of the fact that we have occasionally great industrial disputes, yet the organized labor movement in its essence

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Labor Department Director Of Women's Bureau Speaks In Labor Day Message

By FRIEDA S. MILLER, Director Women's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor

Patriotic housewives without work experience, but ready and eager to take defense jobs that may help pay the skyrocketing family food bills, are not being extensively hired under present conditions because jobs for them are not presently available, according to Miss Frieda S. Miller, Director of the Women's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor.

While there has been an increase over the past months in the number of women operatives employed in factories, the proportion of women on production jobs is still far below World War II, Miss Miller said. In the aircraft industry the proportion of women workers rose from 12.4 to 15.1 per cent between January and April of this year, and later figures showed further increases. But today's heavier type of plane currently presents difficulties in hiring large numbers of women in construction, and as long as people already trained can be procured, the industry is not likely to take on large numbers of untrained women.

That many women stand ready for defense recruitment is shown by statistics from the Bureau of Employment Security which reveal that 40 out of every 100 persons interviewed in that Bureau's job-counseling service in April of this year were women, whereas in the same month last year, women accounted for only 29 out

of every 100 of those who came seeking advice on job placement.

There have also been recent sharp increases in the number of new job applications filed by women, Miss Miller said. This has resulted partly from seasonal lay-offs of women workers, she explained, but it also reflects a continuing entry into the job market of women seeking work in defense-connected establishments. She said that even in defense areas, applications by women for production jobs have so far been more numerous than the jobs opening up to them, according to reports coming into the Women's Bureau.

During the past year while the Armed Forces more than doubled, drawing many men from civilian industry, women were entering the labor market in greater numbers than men were leaving it, Miss Miller reported. She pointed out that in May, 1951, there were 822,000 more females and 808,000 fewer males in the civilian labor force than there had been in the same month of 1950.

Miss Miller gave as the chief reason why the defense effort is not yet making full use of the available womanpower that there is no present over-all shortage of workers except in specialized fields. With defense industry still in the "tooling up" stage, its greatest unfilled demand is for engineers, draftsmen, machinists, tool and die makers, skilled aircraft assembly workers, and other

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Secretary of Labor Tobin Salutes U. S. Workers



MAURICE J. TOBIN
Secretary, U. S. Department of Labor

By MAURICE J. TOBIN,
Secretary of Labor

In hot war and in cold war, American labor has led in our struggles for freedom, human betterment, and peace.

Down through the years, American labor has contributed to our progress—economically, politically and spiritually.

In hot war and in cold war, labor has given its strength without stint.

The toil, sweat, and treasure of our workers has supported the men in uniform on far fronts and near, and their production has armed the fighting men and kept the home economy healthy.

Labor-management co-operation, ingenuity, and inventiveness, as well as patriotism and zeal, have made possible America's great recent records in producing for defense and in building anew the economic and military strength of the free world.

On Labor Day last year I hailed the support given by American labor to the United Nations anti-aggression action in Korea. On this Labor Day of 1951 it is fitting to note that over and above this continued effort, American labor has thrown itself whole-heartedly into the world-wide war of ideas.

Labor was first and strongest in repudiating the Kremlin brand of communism and imperialism. Labor was quick to point out that one cannot buy security by forfeiting freedom. Labor pointed out that the workers of Russia and the Iron Curtain countries have lost both freedom and security and gained only chains.

Labor is a shield against creeping "take-it-easy" tendencies which would let inflation weaken our people and our economy. Labor is taking part more and more in international affairs, supporting our foreign aid programs, and carrying the gospel of freedom, betterment, and peace to the working peoples of the whole world.

I salute American labor on this Labor Day. It is steadfast and solid. It is doing its part, in a world bedeviled by atheistic communism, to insure that the United States measures up to the greatness of its task — and to insure that good prevails over evil, at home and abroad.

AFL AUTO LOCAL BUYS BUILDING IN CHICAGO

Chicago (ILNS)—Amalgamated Local 285, United Automobile Workers of America, AFL, has announced purchasing of its own 3-story building to house its offices, meeting halls, and recreational activities. The structure, in the northern business section of Chicago, was a former bank building and is solidly constructed of brick and stone with marble trim. One entire floor will be devoted to a large membership hall

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HARRY FINKS ADDED TO WEST COAST STAFF OF UNION LABEL TRADES

Secretary-Treasurer Ray F. Leheny of the AFL Union Label Trades Department announced last week, that due to the expanded activities of the Department, he has appointed Harry Finks as international representative for the territory north of San Francisco in California and including Oregon, Nevada and Utah.

Harry Finks was born November 9, 1906, in a painters' camp in San Francisco where his father, a charter member of the painters' union, was engaged in reconstructing the city for those made homeless by the earthquake. He has been an active and aggressive member of organized labor since the beginning of his career 25 years ago.

Among his current labor activities, Mr. Finks is president of Theatre Employees Local B-66 of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Motion Picture Machine Operators of the United States and Canada and a member of the Cannery Workers, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America, the California Valleys' Union Card and Label League and an AFL voluntary state organizer. He was appointed by Governor Warren to the California Employment Advisory Board and among his civic activities he is serving on the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Red Cross, Community Chest, Boy Scouts and other welfare agencies.

NEW HEALTH PROGRAM

Washington.—A series of television programs on health, education and security, to be presented each Monday, at 8:30 p.m., EDT, under the title, "Everybody's Business," was begun July 2 by American Broadcasting Company-TV.

Let's put on our own "controls" by being UNION and buying LABEL!