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EMPLOYMENT DROPS IN CHARLOTTE AREA

CHEST BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTS BUDGET COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATIONS AT WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON MEETING

It's a bigger Red Feather this year as Charlotte and Mecklenburg County's Community Chest will seek a goal of \$386,500 to meet the minimum needs of its more than 21 Red Feather Services in the coming year, John F. Watlington, Jr., Chest president, announced this week.

The recommendations of the Budget Committee were presented by Julian J. Clark, vice-chairman, in the absence of Robert L. Cherry, chairman, and approved by the Chest Board of Directors at their meeting Wednesday afternoon.

In announcing the goal, John F. Watlington, Jr., Chest president, explained that it is an increase of 15 per cent over last year's and is about 10 per cent more than the amount subscribed last year.

The goal includes an increase of \$42,187 over the amount allocated to the services for the current year. Of this sum, \$14,187 is for additional programs for the United Defense Fund, and \$28,000 is to local services and offsetting higher operational costs which all Red Feather services are facing.

The United Defense Fund includes the USO and USO Camp Shows, Emergency Defense Services, and Clothes for Korea. USO serves men and women in uniform through spiritual, recreational and welfare programs in off-post lounges and clubs adjacent to military centers all over the world.

USO Camp Shows for troops in the field sponsored two outstanding shows last spring on tours to Alaska, Hawaii, Japan and Korea.

Clothes for Korea will provide for the processing and mailing of wearing apparel collected in this country for the several million refugees in Korea.

Emergency Defense Services gives help in establishing much-needed health, welfare and recreation programs in mobilization-affected areas throughout the United States. The total amount asked for the United Defense Fund for the coming year is \$23,187.

Charles M. Lowe, general campaign chairman, explained that three factors justify a greater investment in Red Feather services for 1952—the enlarged program of the United Defense Fund, the strengthening of the number of essential local services, and the effects of inflation on the services' operating costs. These have combined, he said, to push the

goal to the level of 1945, a war year.

"However," he added, "Mecklenburg has grown considerably in the last several years, and reports from other North Carolina communities indicate that their current goals will substantially exceed the amounts raised in 1945."

Mr. Watlington said at the meeting that: "If individuals and firms in Charlotte and Mecklenburg county will add the amount which reflects their increased earnings since they established their standard of giving to the Chest, we can count upon a satisfactory outcome of this year's campaign. Our campaign slogan, 'What you give makes the difference,' emphasizes giving generously and thoughtfully.

Current investments in programs of Red Feather services include:

Charlotte Day Nursery, \$11,156.96; Charlotte Day Nursery (Negro), \$5,600; Community Council, \$12,635; Family and Children's Service, \$51,688.50; Girl Scouts, \$13,002.18; Mecklenburg Association for the Blind, \$10,855.62; Mental Hygiene Clinic, \$22,337; Salvation Hygiene Clinic, \$22,337; Social Service Exchange, \$930; Travelers Aid Society, \$13,080.23; Y. M. C. A. (Central), \$18,567.92; Y. M. C. A. (Negro), \$13,460.34; Y. M. C. A. (North Charlotte), \$10,069.86; Y. W. C. A. (Central), \$36,813.74; Y. W. C. A. (Negro), \$11,153.54; Mecklenburg Association for Handicapped Children, \$4,240; N. C. Children's Home, \$4,197.60; United Defense Fund, \$8,996; National Social Welfare Assembly, \$199.23.

Growing Attacks On Public Education Reported At Teachers Convention

Grand Rapids, Mich. (ILNS).—Public education is under increasing attack, it was charged in reports presented at the opening here of the 34th annual convention of the American Federation of Teachers, AFT.

A feature of the initial session was a message from President Truman calling for the United States and other free nations of the world to guard their liberties from attacks by internal enemies while strengthening collective defenses against external aggression.

Five hundred delegates representing a membership of 8,000 teachers attended the convention, which was scheduled to consider such problems as loyalty oaths, academic freedom, federal aid to education and the improvement of working conditions in the nation's schools.

In his message, President Truman emphasized building of defensive military, economic and industrial strength and said:

"We in the free world must also make sure that, in defending freedom against external attack, we promote its strength against internal subversion or disintegration. Peace and freedom depend on collective measures of this sort.

"A special sense of urgency attaches to the meetings of the American Federation of Teachers as it considers 'education for security and international peace,' Only as American adults, youths and children fully understand the necessities of world co-operation and international friendship; only as all of us are ready to sacrifice personal comfort and self-interest for the common purposes of peace and friendship, can we expect to win."

John M. Eklund, president of the federation, reviewed some of the most controversial developments of the last academic year in his annual report. A public school teacher of Denver, Colo., he asserted that there had been "a tightening of the noose around the neck of free education as textbooks have been banned, curricula mutilated and teaching materials subjected to the most reactionary scrutiny."

Cities "Vicious Firing" Eklund said the year had seen "an epidemic of vicious unwarranted firing of teachers," in

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Typographical Union Reports Success In Establishing Its Own Newspapers

ATLANTA (ILNS).—The International Typographical Union has been successful in establishing newspapers to give employment to printers in "monopoly" cities, President Woodruff Randolph reported to the union's 93rd annual convention.

President Randolph made a vigorous defense of the use of union funds in establishing newspapers and in fighting strikes and lock-outs. He dealt only briefly with the starting of ITU newspapers but referred delegates to a printed report of the union's executive committee, "The Story of Unitypo." Unitypo, Inc., is a corporation organized by ITU through which new newspapers are established.

The printed report shows Unitypo is publishing Daily News Digests in Allentown, Pa., Meriden, Conn., Monroe, La., and Texarkana, Ark., and is installing

plants to begin publication in Charleston, W. Va., and Springfield, Mo.

Both Randolph and the printed report said that financial aid also has been given to assist friendly publishers in establishing newspapers in cities where existing newspapers are non-union.

Randolph declared that despite critics within and without ITU details of such financial aid would not be disclosed, as it would subject such publishers to attempted boycotts.

Although all details of ITU aid to newspapers was not disclosed, "The Story of Unitypo" reports (Continued On Page 4)

Building Trades Support Change In Taft-Hartley Act

ATLANTA, GA.—J. L. Rhodes, Southern Director of Organization, American Federation of Labor, announces this week that for the first time the Building Trades Unions of the Nation had an opportunity to support an amendment to the Taft-Hartley Law on behalf of the Building Trades organizations.

Senate Bill No. 1973 has been introduced in the Senate, which reads as follows:

"To amend the National Labor Relations Act, as amended with reference to the building and construction industry, and for other purposes. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, (Continued On Page 4)

SOME INDUSTRIES REPORT EMPLOYMENT 200 IN MID-JULY—AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS REMAINS UNCHANGED

RALEIGH, Sept. 6.—Industrial employment in the Charlotte area dropped slightly from mid-June to mid-July, the State Department of Labor reported today.

Factory employment in the area, which totaled 22,200 during the week nearest July 15, was down about 200 from the previous month's level due to small decreases in the chemical and stone, clay and glass industries. These were the only manufacturing industries which reported any changes in employment during the month, according to Labor Department statistician C. H. Pritchard.

SAFETY ENGINEERS TO MEET ON SEPTEMBER 12

The North Carolina Society of Safety Engineers will hold its fall meeting September 12 at Pisgah Forest. The 200 member group of safety industrial safety experts will be guests of the Ecusta Paper Corporation, said H. E. Newbury, president of NCSSE. A business meeting is planned following guided tours through Ecusta's giant paper and cellophane plants.

Employment in textiles totaled 9,700, in food products, 3,400, machinery 1,900, printing and publishing 1,200, metal products 1,200, apparel 500, chemicals 800, stone, clay and glass 1,000, and miscellaneous other manufacturing industries 2,500.

Contract construction firms reported a drop of 200 during the month. Also down 200 below the previous month was the transportation, communication and public utility field. Wholesale trade was up 100 and retail trade was down 100.

Average hourly earnings of factory workers in the Charlotte area remained unchanged at \$1.26 during July. The average workweek in manufacturing area remained unchanged at \$1.24 during July. The average workweek in manufacturing establishments dropped nearly an hour, averaging 39.9 hours. Average weekly earnings of factory workers, which amounted to \$49.38, were down \$1.15 from the previous month.

Hourly earnings increased three cents in the apparel industry, two cents in metal products and a penny in stone, clay and glass products. Decreases of two cents were reported by machinery firms and broadwoven fabrics industries. Decreases of one cent were reported by food products and the textile industry as a whole.

UNION IS ORDERED TO ADMIT NEGROES

Hartford, Conn. (ILNS).—An order directing Local 35, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, to admit two negroes to membership has been issued by the Connecticut Commission on Civil Rights. The commission charged that the union discriminated against the applicant by refusing admittance to them.

A 3-man tribunal began hearings on the case in March. Under the law, the union may appeal the findings to the superior court.

The complaints against the union were brought by Mansfield T. Tilley and Warren B. Stewart, both of Hartford. More than 1,400 pages of testimony were taken during the hearings. The commission issued a finding directing that the union "cease and desist from excluding" the complainants from "full membership because of race."

"The history of the union shows a pattern of discrimination against negroes," the finding said. "Negroes have ever been admitted into the union. The union admits that the complainants were excluded but claims that their exclusion was justified. It contends that the complainants did not meet the eligibility requirements established by the local union for their admission as apprentices: first, because they were too old, second, because they were not sponsored by an employer." The tribunal rejected the claims of the union.

"The union has given preference to sons and other relatives of members," it added. "The inbreeding which such nepotism nurtures may discriminate against some white persons but negroes are thereby excluded from membership absolutely."

The finding went on to say that "the union did not act" on the applications of the two negroes.

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