

WASHINGTON NEWS NOTES

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News

WASHINGTON (FP) —VE Day, with its message of cheer through the unconditional surrender of the German military machine, is just half our commitment. The war job is not finished; our mission for world democracy is unfilled.

The remaining half of the job — the continuing and mounting war on Japan until her unconditional surrender — will be a new test for American labor. It will be more severe, in a sense, than the tests of the past few years.

Provocative Incidents Will Keep Occurring

Both AFL Pres. William Green and CIO Pres. Philip Murray have issued formal statements calling upon unionists to continue steadfastly on the job of war production until the armed might of democracy has overcome its deadly enemies in the Pacific and Asiatic fronts.

In the face of these official calls to keep up production, there will be provocative incidents in various local areas, in industries. Few will care to understand the whys and wherefores of the incidents, but labor will be expected to carry on as before V-E Day—to finish the course, to do its heavy share in winning the war against Japan.

The continuance of labor's splendid record of keeping on the job despite provocations of management and isolated instances of mis-leadership that could have damaged the war effort will help labor's friends in congress and in government to ward off coming attacks.

Anti-Labor Article In American Magazine

One indication of the course the anti-labor drive may take is found in the current issue of the American Magazine by Rep. Mike Monroney (D. Okla.).

A self-styled friend of labor, Monroney is advocating a "moderate bill" to control labor, and suggests that the labor movement swallow it as he outlines or be forced to accept a more severe anti-labor measure.

Monroney wants to require "the NLRB to certify for collective bargaining only those unions which are able to show certain minimum standards of good conduct in their internal union affairs, such as: reason-

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Writer of Articles About Fisher Body Is Fired by Firm

Committee to Act Today on MacNaughton

Discharge from the Lansing Fisher Body plant of Maurice MacNaughton, author of a series of hard-hitting articles in the Lansing Labor News on anti-worker management practices at the plant, has aroused resentment and further impaired employee morale.

MacNaughton, an arc-welder at the plant and member of Fisher Local 602, has long been active for labor. He is a trustee of the Lansing CIO Council and a member of this paper's board of directors.

After being given a number of verbal and written charges about minor matters, MacNaughton was discharged for "repeated violation of company rules."

The local's committee and management were to exchange their views of the case today, after which a date will be set for a hearing before a four-man appeal committee from union and management.

The committee demands restoration of the job, seniority and lost pay.

Barnaby Back

Committeeman At Olds Fired For Two Days

Prevention of a labor disturbance that might have temporarily halted vital far production at Oldsmobile can be credited to quick action by the Oldsmobile top bargaining committee and management last week.

When Alvin Barnaby of the top committee disdainfully crumpled a gate pass after deciding a Shell Plant employee was being unfairly sent home, he himself was fired.

Incensed employees immediately started wild talk about walkouts and picket lines and shutdowns which they threatened would start Saturday morning.

Immediate meetings of top committee and management got the matter adjusted, however, before any work difficulties could take place which might have been difficult for union officials to prevent.

Barnaby lost two days time and was back on the job Monday.

Lifting of Midnight Curfew Helps Out Big Nash Dance

V-E Day having arrived, the midnight curfew will not ring for the big Nash party at the Veterans' Memorial Building, 213 S. Capitol avenue, a week from Saturday on May 26.

The local's recreation committee is elated because now the party can be held until 3 a. m., giving workers on the night shift a chance at the fun, too. The affair will start at 10 p. m.

Ed Berry, Nash's own Cedar street accomplished band leader, will conduct his nine-piece band, which has already made a name for itself. Ed has a

lovely girl singer in the person of Betty Krest who will entertain throughout the evening.

The affair will be a gala event and is open to all CIO members, friends and guests.

Nash people can obtain tickets through their stewards. Members of other locals can get them at the Nash local office, 1818 South Cedar street, or at the door of the dance hall on the evening of the dance. Friends and guests can follow the same plan.

Tickets are 90 cents per person, including tax, and there will be 15 door prizes.



Maurice MacNaughton

CIO Helping Fund Drive For YMCA

Lansing CIO labor is cooperating in a big way in the current campaign to raise funds for the new YMCA building, said Clyde Perkins, president of the Lansing CIO Council.

Men in some shops have had little opportunity as yet to contribute to this community project, but Perkins said arrangements were rapidly being worked out between local representatives and management for a means of approach to the workers.

He pointed out that the council had given support to the drive with an endorsement at its last meeting, May 2.

This week plant solicitation was started and will continue until all plant workers have had an opportunity to contribute. There is still \$57,000 needed to reach the goal of \$750,000 which is the sum needed for the new building.

Labor has a vital interest in the Y. M. C. A. because 55 per cent of the members come from union homes, 60 per cent of the men living in the dormitory are union men working in the plants and for the past six years the Lansing CIO Council has sent 70 boys to Mystic Lake Camp for the union period.

Olds Baseball Team Financed With Tag Sale

Olds local members are going to finance themselves a baseball team and it isn't going to cost the local anything, according to members of the recreation committee.

They simply sell everybody a tag for 25 cents on which is printed, "I Boost Olds No. 652 Baseball Team."

If you want to support sport, have two bits ready for the boys when they contact you.

First practice of the team will be 6 p. m. Friday at Sycamore Park. A. Harvey is manager.

Among other players are: O. Beechler, S. Muscott, V. Hanson, P. Bauer, C. Hibbs, L. Hicks, C. Brown and E. Tubbs.

Council Head Is Eager for Ball Game

Congratulations to Nash Local No. 13, UAW-CIO and the local's recreation committee for again bringing to the workers and residents of Lansing a fine exhibition of baseball talent. The Great Lakes team and a team of Lansing's best should make for an enjoyable afternoon of baseball. Let's go!

Clyde Perkins, Pres.
Lansing CIO Council

CREDIT DUE

Wyeth Plant Signs Union Agreement

Clyde Perkins, new president of the Lansing CIO Council believes in giving credit when it is due.

He is also president of the CIO Dairy Workers Local 93, which has just concluded a model agreement with the company for the approximately 125 employees of the John Wyeth corporation of Mason, which manufactures pharmaceutical and nutritional products from milk.

Hard work by the bargaining committee, which he assisted, and management's sincere de-

BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

It sometimes happens.

See the editorial on page 2 about a favorable statement a representative of management at the John Wyeth plant made to the union — about unions!

sire for the best employee relations and improved working conditions were factors, Perkins said in getting agreement on the following advantages for the workers:

- 1—Increase in wages.
- 2—Union shop and check-off.
- 3—Overtime plus premiums for emergency work.
- 4—Additional night premiums.
- 5—Strengthened seniority benefits.
- 6—Arbitration and grievance handling benefits.

The wage rate changes must of course be approved by the WLB but it was felt that none of the changes was inflationary or outside of wage stabilization policies.

"I believe the results obtained in this negotiation were due to a wholehearted desire on the parts of both parties to retain the good relations that have existed in the past and to strengthen them in the future," Perkins told the Labor News.

Cites Fine Plan for Insurance

He lauded the company's voluntary insurance program and said that to his knowledge no firm had a better one. It starts with the employee and company each paying 50 percent of the cost. After several years the benefits have increased greatly by the employee's share of the

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NASH LOCAL MEETING IS THIS SUNDAY

General membership meeting of Local 13 for this month will be Sunday, May 20. The stewards meeting will be at 9 a. m. and the regular membership meeting at 10 a. m.

Wage Cuts Barred, WLB Announces

Discussing World Trade Union



Holding informal discussion during the recent meeting of the administrative committee of the World Trade Union Conference in Oakland, Cal., are shown CIO Pres. Philip Murray, Vice-Pres. Sidney Hillman and Vice-Pres. R. J. Thomas.

New World Union Of Labor Formed At San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (FP)—A

draft constitution for the World Federation of Trade Unions has been unanimously agreed on by the administrative committee of the World Trade Union Conference and will be submitted to the national labor organizations of 35 nations for ratification.

This disclosure was made at a packed press conference here by CIO Pres. Philip Murray following the conclusion of the 10-day meeting in Oakland of the administrative committee, which was commissioned by the WTUC in London last Febru-

ary to draft a constitution for a new world labor organization. Other committee members also took part in the press conference.

Structure of the WFTU will consist of:

- 1—A congress which will be its sovereign authority and will meet every two years.
- 2—A general council elected by the congress and representative of all affiliated organizations, to meet annually.
- 3—A 20-man executive com-

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G. M. Workers Can Talk With a Committeeman, War Labor Board Rules Don't Have To Air Case To Foreman

Oldsmobile, Fisher Body and other General Motors employees do not have to air their side of grievances to supervision before being granted a committee-man, the War Labor Board ruled last week.

Furthermore, the employee has the right to discuss his case privately with the committeeman when he arrives, the board said.

Corporation instructions to supervision had said, "the employee must now tell the foreman in detail what the grievance is."

Workers Handicapped

This almost amounted to the worker having to represent himself, a serious disadvantage, since many workers are not qualified to present grievances in the most effective manner.

Then, following further their

Will Protect Workers in Reconversion

WASHINGTON (FP)—American workers were told by the Natl. War Labor Board May 10 that it would be as zealous in preventing wage reductions as it was before V-E Day in refusing to grant pay boosts.

The pledge was made in a unanimously adopted policy statement announced by WLB Chairman George W. Taylor.

Taylor went into details of the policy which calls for immediate agreement by management and labor on wage schedules for speedy resumption of civilian production. These schedules, reached by collective bargaining, are to be put into effect immediately and then submitted to the WLB for review.

Should the WLB find a wage schedule out of line, either through wage cuts or through unstabilizing increases, it will order adjustments, Taylor said, but in no case will such adjustments be retroactive.

More Statements

The policy as announced is the first step of the WLB's plan to modify and ultimately discontinue the wage stabilization program as the nation moves toward a peacetime economy. Other statements will follow, with the method of dealing with cutbacks and change from a 48 to a 40 hour week likely to come next — possibly before the end of May.

In working out new wage See—NO WAGE CUTS—Page 3

Worker Wins \$1,000 Bond

"It's a cinch for Kinch," headlined a large cartoon poster in Nash Plant No. 1, telling the world that Harold Kinch, Dept. 202, was the winner of a \$1,000 bond in a big bond sale raffle.

Brother Kinch, when interviewed by a representative of the Lansing Labor News, was very happy about the whole thing.

"Been in on raffles for 12 years", he said, "and this is the first thing I've ever won."

Before the drawing Harold rubbed his lucky rabbit foot across his ticket, number 185. He grinned and said, "I think that did it."

Other winners included F. Smith, \$500 bond; W. H. Maine, \$100 bond. Small bonds were won by Harold Ash, R. Kielholtz, and L. Mishler.

Dean Reed Named On NAACP Board

H. Dean Reed, Lansing PAC director for CIO, has been elected to the executive board of the Lansing branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The Lansing branch has a membership of 300, though it was but recently organized, Reed stated, adding that they hoped to reach 600 in the next few months.

own interpretation of Paragraph 29 in the new G. M.-UAW contract, supervision instructions said:

No Private Talk

"Since the grievance is specified, there is no necessity for See—G M WORKERS—Page 3

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UNTOLD POSSIBILITIES

Editorial Glimpse Into Future of Industry-Worker Relations

In the course of negotiations for the CIO Dairy Local 93 contract at the John Wyeth corporation in Mason, a representative of management made this statement to a union official:

"No matter what we try to do or see for correcting or bettering working conditions, it is always possible to learn — when a collective bargaining agency exists — that there are problems which would never otherwise have come to our attention. Or, in many cases, if some of these had come to our attention it would have been difficult to have determined the most effective solution without the assistance of the workers themselves through their chosen representatives."

This sane and sensible statement will be considered dangerous radicalism in many industrial and business circles, where the right of workers to improve their conditions and wages is opposed in every manner believed effective, while those same business and industrial leaders practice — also in any manner believed effective — the principle of improving company profits (and their own salaries).

War's Greatest Secret Weapon

The American industrial system is a gigantic structure the like of which the world has never before seen, one so large that few of us can see it even now. Its tremendous, undreamed possibilities was the war's greatest secret weapon — the one thing the Fascists could not match, could not answer.

This astounding industrial record was not achieved by factories alone nor the intricate modern machinery therein; it was achieved by millions of free men and women willing to pitch in and work days, nights and Sundays, in many cases on strange and often not agreeable jobs — because they were free human beings cooperating as such with management in the biggest fight the world has had. And with but few exceptions, management did cooperate in just about every way possible — at first.

Are We Men or Machines?

Now that the end of the war is in sight, there appears an unfortunate tendency on the part of industry to forget this consideration of workers as human beings and revert to the older concept of workers as machines, with fewer privileges and but little right to argue about conditions.

THAT IS BAD FOR THE WORKERS, BAD FOR MANAGEMENT, BAD FOR THE CORPORATIONS AND — MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL — BAD FOR AMERICA AND THE WORLD.

For, even more in peace than in war, America and the world needs this great producing institution with its 60,000,000 potential jobs to restock our own land and to completely rebuild others. Any destruction of workers' morale at this time may be fatal to high production efficiency and just as dangerous to postwar economy as actual bombing of the plants.

Fortunately, through widening cracks in this bulwark of industrial strength there gleams occasional assurance that the structure will not crumble before it is sufficiently understood that factories alone comprise but a small part of the system.

Looming large in every appraisal of this period and in every consideration for the future should be the workers themselves, those 60,000,000 free men and women who in the post-war period — if given a proper chance — will make the miracle production of this war look like a minor incident.

We're Still Human, You Know!

Further recognition of workers as human beings capable of untold cooperation and efficiency is what is needed—recognition in the form of cooperating with them in obtaining better wages and working conditions, instead of viciously opposing every attempt at improvement. That attitude will pay off in amazing dividends through increased efficiency, as has been amply proven where it has been sincerely tried.

IN IMPROVED EMPLOYEE RELATIONS LAYS THE FUTURE SUCCESS OF AMERICAN INDUSTRY AND ALSO THE SUCCESS OF AMERICA.

It is good to learn that a firm so close to home is one of those who may help lead the way to a better America and a better world simply by recognizing workers as human beings who are entitled to all the privileges and benefits that human beings can conceive and put into practice for themselves.

Scorns Union In Scorching Reply to Note

Lansing Dairy drivers who asked for assistance in organizing in the CIO Dairy Workers Local 93 were amused at a "reply" to the letter sent all drivers announcing a recent meeting to discuss organization.

Scrawled across the bottom of the letter, which was tacked on the company bulletin board, was the following:

"So we are to have our home broke up by this outfit called CIO. Not me. I will not bite the hand that feeds me. Let's get out and fight this. As one of these so-called organizers says, you can't organize a bunch of farmers. Also will not be run over by a bunch of city slickers.—G. Morford No. 9."

Drivers who aren't especially fond of being fed out of someone else's hand and not having anything to say about the feeding laughed and said it was all right with them if the writer wanted that sort of thing for himself.

That most of them were interested in hearing about organizing was evidenced when about two-thirds showed up for the meeting — including Morford!

Even one of the bosses was seen going by the hall at 1318½ S. Washington a couple of times, looking around very interestedly. But he didn't see much.

New Bedford Labor Draft Case Ended

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. (FP) — The New Bedford labor draft, opposed by local unions, was abandoned by the War Manpower Commission.

Heavy army and navy demands for textiles manufactured in the fine goods mills here require all the help available in the textile mills, Regional WMC Director Arthur C. Gernes explained in Boston. The WMC was trying to transfer workers from the mills to tire cord plants to meet a critical bottleneck in tire production.

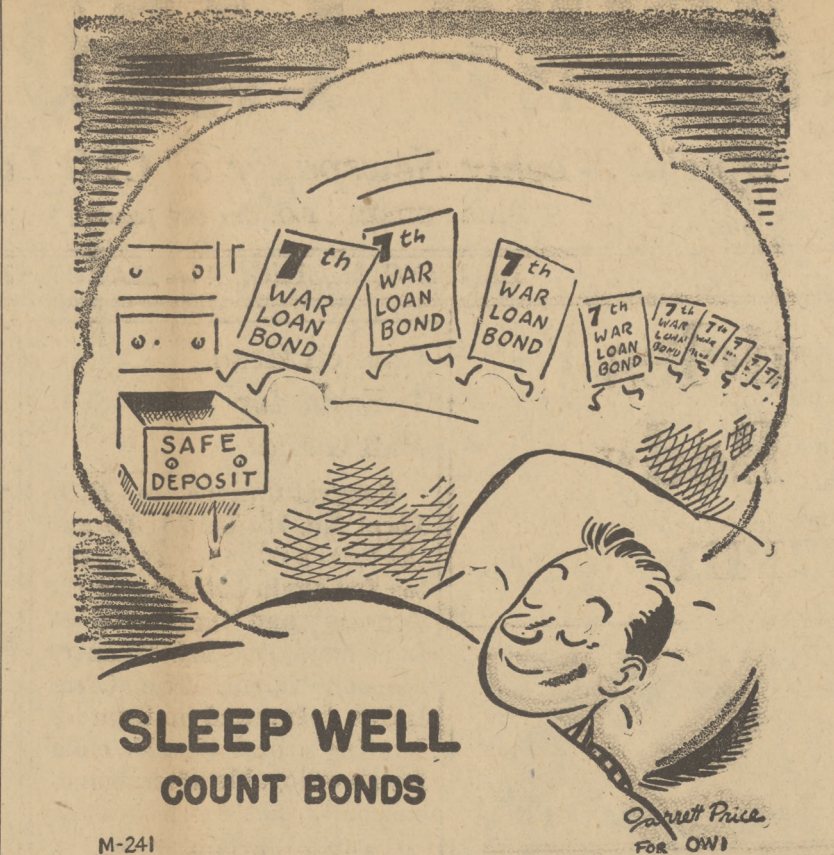
The much-publicized labor draft was opposed by the Textile Workers Union (CIO), the Central Labor Council (AFL), the local Republican press and the mill owners themselves. Union opposition was based on the lack of seniority protection for the transferred workers and bad working conditions in the tire plants. Most workers had appealed the transfer.

WMC Chairman Paul V. McNutt has agreed to dismiss without prejudice cases now pending of New Bedford workers who had appealed transfer orders, Gernes said. He said the WMC had decided to abandon the plan after learning that within the next three months the fine goods mills will manufacture 16 million yards of critical fabrics for the armed forces.

Ku Klux Klan Starting Again

WICHITA, Kans. (FP) — A Ku Klux Klan organizer has arrived here to organize a KKK in ansas. He is George C. Ahearn of Tuscaloosa, Miss. He claims he already has 95 members in Hutchinson, 72 in Newton and 57 in Wichita.

Ahearn's work will be completed when he has a klan of 100 members in each of these cities at \$20 a member, he told Federated Press, adding: "In Tuscaloosa all real people are klansmen and down there niggers, Jews and Catholics don't stick their necks out."



General

From Washington reports that I get, we had better get active on the home front. It seems that meat packers and enough senators to turn over the apple cart have joined hands to destroy price control and exact more profits out of the consumer. They are falsifying the causes of the meat shortage in order to make their efforts appear in the interests of the public. We and I do mean we better get busy, write our senators, representatives, put the pressure on. Personally, I would recommend sending a delegation to help get them to see the consumers point of view. I would suggest the following people be sent: John Haruska or Ray Swartz, Dixie Kennedy or Elizabeth Blair, Dolly Fitzpatrick or Helen Moore, Ray Reed or Glen Mullett, Leo Moran and Evelyn White or W. Barber, Clyde Perkins, Chet Cowen, Robert Richardson and Harry Wilcox. I, having been there on such program, know fully well what such a delegation could do. It would be money well spent.

The Novo wage case came through this week, and the wages for all, but the tool and die makers, grinders, tool room machine operators, were ok'd, subject to OPA approval. The above named to be ruled on by the tool and die commission. There will be a panel hearing on the Atlas case, on Saturday, May 26 at the Olds hotel, in Lansing. Elden Cobb of local 13 replaced Earl Forbes of local 652, on the Eaton county gas panel. Brother Forbes takes over as the chairman on the price panel on the same board.

Jack Holt, Intl. Rep., John Haruska, Ward Barnum, Graham Melrose of the Nash committee were in Washington on the women's case. From what I hear, they did a swell job. It certainly would seem that it's about time that those girls got what is rightly theirs, but then government agencies are slow, as if I needed to remind any one of that, and I am confident they will win the case and get what they should have gotten long ago . . . Some have wondered why Bill Ingram hasn't been around lately . . . for one thing, Bill, as a member of the G-M negotiations committee has been out of town a lot, and then, as far as the international office is concerned, there is a matter of a box of candy, re-member, Bill, or have you forgotten?

The Chaard girls had a meeting to discuss a wage proposal to be submitted to the company, and had a very good turn out. There has been some confusion at the council hall, due to mix up on meetings, and the housing committee of the council wants every local to turn in their meeting date to the council secretary, so that a regular schedule can be made up to avoid mix ups.

All locals should give thought to the selection of people to represent their local on the CIO Cost of Living Committee, which will be called back to action. It is a very important committee and people who will attend and do a job should be selected, both men and women. . . . The job of organizing the un-organized is getting under way, and with your help, every shop in Lansing will fly the CIO banner, so let's have the names of shops or what have you that are not organized.

Although the light for the corner of Washington and South street was turned down, I have the promise of Mayor Crego that he will see what he could do about it, he promised to come down and bring some members of the commission and watch the traffic . . . Bill Watt rejected for service, and will be around with his usual willingness to help . . . It seems that managements are not asking for deferment for essential workers, cause I have seen more 1-A's lately than ever.

The Y drive should get us to thinking . . . Why can't we get busy and get ourselves a labor temple, the A. F. of L. with about one-fourth of our size has one, nearly every city in the state having a CIO building, we should wake up and do something, and soon . . . The boys and girls at Duplex are getting ready to submit a wage proposal to the company . . . Finished the renewal of the contract at Abrams, with quite a few improvements.

Roses

Roses to Aux. 76, local 652, for the grand job they are doing at the USO . . . The ladies are not only serving once a month, the third Thursday of every month, but have been doing it for past year. They allow \$20 plus the personal donations of the individuals.

Ward Barnum for the job he is doing as chairman, with full credit to a splendid committee. To John Haruska for the help he gave to a non-union member which has that person praising the union.

To Reo local 650. Local 13 on their decision to affiliate with the UAW clinic.

To Hill Diesel local 656, for being good sports, when they found out that their regular meeting date was mixed up.

To Lundberg management for a splendid policy of working with their local — result,

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By H. DEAN REED
Lansing PAC Director

good, constructive measures. To Melling Drop Forge, same . . . ditto to Lansing, Paint, Abrams and Novo.

To Paul Gardner for the splendid job he is doing. Keep it up Paul.

To the girls at Chaard who are out to make it 100 percent.

Razzberries

To the Lansing Traffic Commission members who voted against the light.

To those who agree to serve on panels, but never show up, leaving labor without a representative.

To those who never contact their union for help when in need of such, but condemn it, for their own failure.

Conclusion

The union will be what we who are the union make it. We can make it a weapon that will work not only for us, but for America as a whole, or we can be dues paying members, who find fault, but never pitch to help remedy the faults, if any are there, and get in and help do the job, a job that will mean continued progress ahead, or return to the days when the boss used the whip, etc. You, as one of the contributors, must make that choice. Hang together, or hang apart, depends on your action and support.

Work May End At Willow Run In Few Weeks

YPSILANTI, Mich. (FP) — The Willow Run government bomber plant operated by the Ford Motor Co. will probably shut down in May or June instead of August, members of Ford Local 50, United Auto Workers, (CIO), were told by Pres. Brendan Sexton after a trip to Washington.

The army, which previously said it was busy on plans for further use of the giant plant, made it clear that nothing was materializing except its willingness to lease the plant to Ford, who already holds an option to buy it.

The union voted to use its close to \$50,000 in war bonds for pushing a program of federal operation of Willow Run if Ford doesn't want it, obtaining federal funds to get the jobless workers back home, abolishing war manpower regulations and furthering the UAW executive board proposal to hasten reconversion in auto shops and leave remaining war production to government plants like Willow Run.

Ford is mum on plans, though the rumor persists that tractor making will be concentrated at Willow Run, which is connected with the Ford Rouge plant by an industrial highway that puts all Hitler's autobahnen in the shade.

In defiance of the WMC, Ford has abandoned two-shift operation of 54 hours each and instituted the 40-hour week for one shift only.

NAVY, MARINES GET NASH MEN

Nash Dept. 467 (Inspection) has lost two more men to the service. Edward "Blackie" Abraham (blades) has left for the Navy, and the Marines welcomed John Boggs, small parts inspector.

This reporter highly recommends friends send them a copy of, "It's A Cinch, Private Finch", — book of cartoons that will make any trainee laugh at the, er, "difficulties", of camp life.

1—Total victory over our enemies, and all our efforts to attain that victory.

2—The establishment of a foreign policy which will measure us a lasting peace.

3—A reconversion program which will assure full employment at fair wages as well as the protection of the people's interests.

4—Comprehensive planning of Public Works to help in a full employment program and to assure nationally needed projects in flood control, soil conservation, rural electrification.

5—A program to assure the farmer a fair income.

6—The protection of the small businessman against monopolies.

7—The proper discharge of our obligation to our servicemen and women, not with just welcoming parades, but with concrete assistance to help them re-establish themselves in peacetime living.

8—The increase of our social security system as adequate protection of people in need.

9—The extension of equality of opportunity to all our people, and the eradication of racial discrimination.

To attain these objectives, we will work through educational and political action.

The CIO-PAC action will be based on the idea that labor must join hands with progressive elements to fight for national and international security for the people.

This leads to one inevitable conclusion: PAC will have nothing to do with the creation of fostering of a third party on the national scene. During last fall's campaign, we demonstrated that we are not encouraging such an idea.

We supported a good many Democrats and we helped to defeat a good many Democrats. We also helped in the election of some Republicans and the unseating of others. Quite clearly, we did not judge candidates on the basis of party affiliation but on records. This we shall continue to do.

It's a Date

Plan to attend the membership meetings of your local. Here is when and where they meet.

OLDS 652—First Friday of month, 7:30 p. m., 1118 S. Washington.

OLDS AUXILIARY 76—First and third Thursdays, 7:30 p. m., 1118 S. Washington.

NASH 13—Next meeting Sunday, May 20, 10 a. m., 1818 S. Cedar, preceded by steward's meeting at 9 a. m.

REO 650—Meets second and fourth Fridays of month, 7:30 p. m., 1314½ S. Washington.

FISHER 602—Second Sunday of month, 6 p. m., 1111 W. St. Joseph St.

FISHER AUXILIARY — Second Tuesday of month.

OLOFSSON 728 — First Thursday of month, 5 p. m., corner Porter and High St.

DAIRY UNIT 93—Meets 7:30 p. m., second Friday of month, 1318½ S. Washington.

BUY WAR BONDS

Oklahoma Man New WPB Vice-Chairman

WASHINGTON (FP)—WPB Chairman J. A. Krug announced May 1 that John L. Beckham of Oklahoma City, Okla., had been named acting vice chairman for labor production in the absence of Vice Chair-

man Joseph D. Keenan.

Keenan has been loaned by WPB to the War Dept. for an assignment in the section of Germany occupied by U. S. troops.

Beckham has been chief regional labor representative for WPB in Dallas, Tex., since 1943.

They'll Try to Pit Vets Against Workers, Committee Told

A regional wide meeting of all local veteran committees chairmen of Region IC UAW-CIO was held in Flint at the CIO Building Sunday, May 6, at which Frank Amico, assistant to the director of the veteran department of the International UAW-CIO, said:

"Management will pit the returning veteran against the workers if given half a chance! Superseniority will destroy the very foundations of any security the veteran of World War I may have acquired in the years since he returned from that war."

Olds Stewards, Committeemen Meeting Friday

Olds Local 652 stewards and committeemen's council will meet at 8 p. m. and midnight this Friday, May 18.

New officers are: Homer Norton, chairman; Booker Jones, recording secretary; and Elmer Hudson, sergeant-at-arms.

Chaard Lab WAVE Commends Paper

Elizabeth Loepke, S 1-C, of Miami, Florida, writes a letter of commendation for the new labor paper. She says, "Thanks for the union paper; it's quite the stuff. I think that editorial Van wrote about the late President was the most beautiful one I have read."

Seaman Loepke was formerly a member of Local 724 and worked at Abrams Instrument Co. and Chaard Laboratories. She left Chaard to join the WAVES last November.

News from the AUXILIARIES

Fisher Auxiliary 202

Regular monthly business meeting of Auxiliary No. 202 was held Tuesday, May 8 at the Fisher Hall. It was reported that 11 new members were signed up during the membership drive. Bunco was played after the meeting, with Goldie Falor and Jessie Pritchard winning the prizes. Lunch was served but the ice cream was missing (ask Sister Falor why).

The auxiliary is planning a weiner roast June 3 at the Ledges. Proceeds of this event will be donated to the Disabled Veterans Fund.

This money is to be used to furnish rooms at the Percy Jones hospital. Tickets will be on sale this week. Everyone is invited.

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REO GRAMS

Items of interest about folks at Reo

B. Bennett had a small financial windfall and we hear he is going to do right with the boys. He is thinking over the virtues of the different brands. Don't think too long, Burnie, or some of us will have to drink water.

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Necktie Parties

A certain individual working out of the tool design has been sporting a hand painted necktie, boasting all the colors of the rainbow. But last Tuesday V-E Day, he prudently left it home. In some parts of the shop neckties were sheared off at the roots by the celebrants. He took no chances. The pinned up ties made a colorful showing on a bulletin board. A few of those who had their neckties amputated: Marv Kanouse, Don Cornwell, Al Foust, Clint Dodge, Ray Crawford, Charley Summerfield, Pete Chapman, Geo. Barnett, etc., etc., etc. Peace in Europe was worth it, eh boys? Sorry to hear that Ralph Cook is sick with a strep throat. Get well Cookie, both Union and Company need you.

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Believe It or Else

"Fibber" McGee, who works for Bill Belgard, visited his home state of Arkansas lately. He says the floods were so deep that the razor back hogs climb the oak trees of their own accord to get at the acorns. Previously they had to be poled.

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The Voice

Our well known songster Harold McAttee had a small part in the Players Guild production of "Gold in the Hills". He was one of the barkeepers' quartet. His friends were afraid he would louse up the play, but according to him he was responsible for the "standing room only" signs.

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Bernard Davis who works for Fisher showed us some photos of his son and his mate at a naval torpedo station. These kids handle a ton of high explosives as if it were rock candy. Raise a son who is not afraid of TNT and you've got something.

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Steward Ted Thompson has pretty well succeeded in his campaign to have the leaky roof fixed in his department. About the only place it still leaks is on the foreman's desk.

PET PEEVES

By THOMAS BETTISON
Reo Local 650

To have a fuse blow out and unable to locate my flashlight. —T. P.

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To have some one borrow my automatic pencil or fountain pen and put same in their pocket when they finish with it. —E. W.

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To have my face lathered with soap in the shower and have soap slip to the floor. —R. B.

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The person who is always trying to borrow money and goes on a drinking spree the day after pay day. —G. P.

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The person who replies "What's good about it," when "good morning" is said to him. —G. S.

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To have a tobacco chewer sit near me and then start spitting all over the floor. —A. Z.

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The store clerk who calls me "dearie" when I'm trying on a dress. —D. W.

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The person who mixes gasoline with alcohol. —A. W.

Move Over, Adolph Hitler!

By ALVIN G. TAYLOR
Olds Forge Plant

Move over, Adolph Hitler! Hell isn't yet half full; You thought you had the world by the tail and in a downward pull. All freedom loving people you trampled in your stride— You were mighty brave, and how you raved with Storm Troopers by your side. You and your Swastika! How it sizzled before it burned! And after friend Benito, you, too, took your turn. But you won't be there alone, for our eyes are looking west; Make room, Adolph and Benito, for Hirohito in your nest.

NO WAGE CUTS

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structures for civilian production in reconvertng plants, Taylor said, "The board puts its chips on collective bargaining where there are unions. We have confidence labor and management can work out these wage structures. We don't want a minute of lost production or idle jobs."

Should management and labor fail to agree on permanent new rates for a reconverted plant, say from tank production to refrigerators, Taylor explained, the WLB hopes they will establish temporary or tentative rates for such classification and submit the whole to the board for review.

No Strike Pledge

Asked if the WLB "was holding labor to its no strike pledge," Taylor said there was no dispute about it — that the pledge was good through V-J Day (Victory over Japan Day.) Both labor members in attendance, Sec. Treas. J. A. Brownlow of the Colorado Federation of Labor (AFL) and Van A. Bittner, assistant to Pres. Philip Murray of the United Steelworkers (CIO),

agreed that "nobody is holding labor to its pledge. It is voluntary and we are going to keep it until the war is over."

WASHINGTON

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able requirements for admitting new members, regular, free elections, with secret ballot, detailed annual accounting to its own members, with provision for independent audit, referendum on important issues, and full safeguards against arbitrary expulsion from the union."

Monroney is only one of the spokesmen voicing similar sentiments here. He just happened to get paid for putting his into the American Magazine. Labor should be on the outlook for others.

TRAILER CAMP OPENS IN JUNE

H. Wanters of Nash Local 13 is opening a trailer camp at Lake Odessa (about 40 miles west of Lansing through Grand Ledge).

The camp, featuring modern conveniences and a fine beach, will open between June 1 and 15, he said.

Outstanding Baseball Stars Will Play Lansing Game

The Nash-Kelvinator Local 13 Recreation Committee feels proud of its opportunity to bring to the baseball fans of labor in Lansing, the outstanding baseball service team of the United States

On Tuesday, June 5, at 6 p. m. the call of "play ball" should see a lot of CIO people in the stands at Michigan State college field, watching Bob Feller, that luminary of the pitching rubber, formerly with the Cleveland Indians lead his star-studded lineup from Great Lakes training station against Manager Roy Morris' picked lineup from last year's Lansing Industrial League.

Bob Feller at the present time has such outstanding former major league players as: Ken Kelter, Cleveland third baseman who is playing second base while that battling Irishman Pinky Higgins, well known to Lansing baseball fans for his record with our own Detroit Tigers, holding down the hot corner.

The catching duties are in the hands of Walker Cooper, the best catcher in baseball today, who was half of the famous brother battery of the last year world champion St. Louis Cardinals.

In addition himself, Feller can call on another Tiger, Johnny Gorsica, to help him with the pitching chores.

Roy Morris, last year's manager of the Old Timers' baseball team and champions of Lansing, will be calling on such local starts as Bill Look, center fielder and Irving Kolberg, former property of the Philadelphia Athletics at first base.

Behind the plate will be that gray beard of Lansing diamonds, Charlie Meredith. One of the pitchers that will probably be called upon to face the Great Lakes bats will be Morrie Ramont who in a game here in 1943 against the Detroit Tigers held them to one run in

WORLD UNION

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mittee including three from the USSR, two from Great Britain, two from the U. S., two from France, three from the rest of Europe, one from China, two from Latin America, one from the Pacific, one from Africa and three from the trade departments.

4—A bureau of management consisting of a chairman, four voice chairmen and a secretary.

Voting in the congress and general council will be proportionate. Organizations with membership up to five million will have one vote for every 50,000. Those with more than five million but less than 10 million, one vote for each additional 100,000 members. Those between 10 and 15 million, one vote for each additional 200,000 and those with more than 15 million, one vote for each additional 400,000. Affiliation fees will likewise be collected on a proportional basis.

The constitution provides that as a general rule affiliation shall be confined to a single national labor organization for each country but in exceptional circumstances "more than one national trade union center or individual national trade union organization may be granted the right of affiliation." This leaves a door open for entry of the AFL, which has thus far refused to take part.

G M WORKERS

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private conversation between and the employe, and abuses in this direction should be corrected."

John Osbourn, top bargaining committee chairman at Oldsmobile, said the corporation would have to give supervision new instructions and that he hopes they would do it soon in order to prevent misunderstandings in handling of grievances.

All Changed Now

He said the employe must state the nature of the grievance to the foreman when asking for a committeeman, such as whether it is a question of seniority, a wage grievance, etc., but the worker does not have to go into detail nor discuss it any further at all with the foreman while awaiting the committeeman.

And if the worker desires supervision must give him opportunity to go over the matter privately with the committeeman, Osbourn said.

WYETH PLANT

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cost drops to 38 per cent. The plan covers non-occupational sickness, accident, life and compensation benefits far exceeding for the cost those of any other plan he has seen, Perkins said.

Members of the union committee at John Wyeth are Rex Goodman, Maude Eifert, Carl Royer, Spencer Lindsley and Jean Chadwick.

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Russian Unions Discussed By Soviet Labor Leader

SAN FRANCISCO (FP)—Critics of Soviet labor unions were invited by Pres. Vassily Kuznetsov of the All Union Central Council of Trade Unions to come to the USSR and see for themselves how they work.

The Russian labor leader, who is an official delegate to the United Nations Conference on Intl. Organization, issued his invitation at a lively press conference held by the World Trade Union Conference administrative committee to announce the results of its meeting in Oakland.

The more than 200 news-hungry reporters packed into the room fired almost as many questions at Kuznetsov as at CIO Pres. Philip Murray, who presented the committee's report. Smiling good-humoredly and speaking English, Kuznetsov won approval of the hard-boiled audience with his direct, hard-hitting answers.

Not Dominated by Government

Asked what he thought of AFL charges that unions in his country are undemocratic and subordinate to the government, Kuznetsov smiled and said: "This is a very old question. We hear it every time the Russian unions are going to participate in an international organization. Actually, our unions are independent and democratic in every way you can mention."

He spoke at some length on the structure of Soviet unions and said he wondered why the charge of government domina-

tion was raised so often. It might simply be due to lack of information, he said, in which case "we would be very glad to give those people the opportunity to come to our country to see how we work." Or, he continued, the question was raised because of a basically unfriendly attitude toward the USSR. In either case, he said, he hoped such critics would study the Soviet labor movement and decide for themselves.

Why Russia Has No Strikes

His invitation coincided with the disclosure by Murray that the new world labor organization setup at Oakland would provide for regular exchange of delegations among various member countries "so we can get to know each other better." Murray said a U. S. delegation was planning to visit the USSR as soon as possible.

Kuznetsov scored another hit with his listeners in replying to a reporter who wanted to know if Russian workers have the right to strike and if so, why there aren't any strikes in the USSR. Kuznetsov said the workers had the right but that they could always find other ways of settling disputes. Pressed further, Kuznetsov reminded the reporter that a workers' government had been set up in 1918 and added with a grin: "After all, it's not our fault that we have such a system under which we don't have to strike to win our demands."

Reciprocal Trade Act Supported by the CIO

Bogged down in the House ways and means committee, this measure extends the present act designed to build foreign trade. Though AFL Vice-Pres. Matthew Woll is opposed to it, the AFL itself and the CIO are backing the measure. Present law expires June 12.

WASHINGTON (FP)—Unqualified support of the CIO's 6 million members was given the Reciprocal Trade Agreements act (HR 2652) May 10 in testimony before the House Ways and Means committee by CIO Sec. Treas. James B. Carey.

Reciprocal trade agreements under the act simply mean that the U. S. State Dept. will negotiate with other nations on tariff questions. That we lower our trade barriers as they lower theirs.

Cause of War

Carey told the committee that "we have abundant evidence to prove that economic warfare leads inevitably to military warfare; that trade and exchange restrictions, blocked currencies, and other such devices of economic warfare lead not to peace and prosperity but to war and death.

"Two paths lie before the U. S. in the postwar world. One leads to narrow nationalism, low wages, production at half of capacity, unemployment and eventually war. The other leads to full production, full employment, prosperity, friendly co-operation with the other nations of the world and peace.

"We will follow the second path by adopting such measures as the bill which is now before you. Those who oppose this bill, whether they understand it or not, are leading our steps along the first path."

Misrepresentation

The CIO secretary said the newspapers have misrepresented the bill to make it appear

Buy War Stamps

Southern Paper Campaigns for Negroes' Rights

NEW ORLEANS (FP)—The Federationist, AFL newspaper published by W. L. Donnels, has cracked the ancient tradition of deafness to Negro needs by supporting the demands of New Orleans Negroes for a share in the beach front and swimming facilities.

A part of Lake Ponchartrain beach formerly open to Negroes was closed to them two seasons ago on the alleged excuse of war waterfront restrictions. Since then some children have drowned and others have acquired skin diseases through swimming in unsafe and polluted waters. The Federationist will seek aid from the Urban League and the Council of Social Agencies.

Conscription In Peacetime Is Condemned

WASHINGTON (FP)—A resolution opposing compulsory peacetime military conscription has been adopted by the executive council of the Intl. Assn. of Machinists (AFL) in session here May 9.

The resolution said that in Europe compulsory military service imposed a severe burden on the people "while popular education and general well-being suffered as a result of it." It said "peacetime military conscription is a violation of American tradition and a direct blow at democracy."

Labor Preacher Given Banquet

DETROIT (FP)—The Rev. Claude Williams, minister to labor of the Detroit presbytery and leading fighter against fascism inside the churches, was the guest at a testimonial dinner given by progressive churchmen, laborites and others in the parish house of the Church of Our Father, May 4. Over \$1,000 was raised to support the Peoples Institute of Applied Religion, of which Williams is director.

Machinists Ask Wage Increase

WASHINGTON (FP)—By authority of its executive council, the Intl. Assn. of Machinists (AFL) has petitioned the Natl. War Labor Board for immediate approval of wage increases to make up for reductions in take-home pay caused by cuts in hours, or reductions in work volume caused by shorter runs, broken schedules, etc. in the case of incentive workers.

CALIFORNIA STRIKE OF BUSES ENDED

SANT AMONICA, Cal. (FP)—Settlement of a Santa Monica bus operators 10-day strike scored a victory for 65 members of Lodge 22, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen (unaffiliated) when the city, which operates the busses, had its council pass an ordinance granting the drivers an 8-hour day with time-and-a-half for overtime. The city refused to furnish busses which strikers offered to drive without charge to get war workers to and from work.

California Pac Is Being Investigated

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (FP)—The California assembly rules committee recommended adoption of a resolution calling on the Tenney little Dies committee to investigate the CIO Political Action Committee.

NEWSPAPER SIGNS UNION CONTRACT

SAN FRANCISCO (FP)—The United Nations Conference edition of the New York Post, published here, signed an agreement with the San Francisco Oakland Newspaper Guild (CIO) guaranteeing the west coast staff all conditions of the SFONG citywide contract plus a checkoff.

Old Age Benefits Total \$37,000 Per Month Now

Benefits totaling over \$37,000 per month are now being paid to beneficiaries in this service area according to W. Scott Hamlin, manager of the Social Security Board field office which is located at 215 Federal Building, Lansing.

Beneficiaries who participate in these monthly payments include retired workers past 65 years of age, their wives if over 65, minor children of deceased workers, widows of deceased workers if past 65 or if they have children under 18 in their care, and dependent parents of deceased workers if over 65.

In addition to these monthly benefits, there has been paid in the first quarter of this year over \$12,000 lump-sum death benefits to survivors of deceased wage earners. Such payments are made when there are no survivors who would be entitled to monthly benefits and are intended to help defray funeral or last illness expenses.

The area serviced by the Lansing Field Office consists of Ingham, Eaton, Clinton and Livingston counties.

Bretton Woods Action Urged

WASHINGTON (FP)—Quick action to approve the Bretton Woods agreements as incorporated in HR 2211 before the House banking committee was urged May 10 by CIO Sec. Treas. James B. Carey. He asked that the bill be reported out without amendments or changes. Using the arguments presented by CIO Pres. Philip Murray, Carey pointed out that a prosperous postwar period with full production and 60 million jobs promised by the late Pres. Roosevelt will depend upon the expansion of world trade.

"For all these reasons of economic and political security, of stabilized currencies and a continued flow of foreign trade, and of a rising standard of living throughout the world, we in the CIO indorse wholeheartedly the proposed Intl. Monetary Fund as an integral part of any program for economic cooperation with the rest of the world. Carey also indorsed the bank for reconstruction and development as a part of the Bretton Woods plan as "stimulating greater activity upon the part of private banking interests, by guaranteeing loans and by supplying loans where they cannot be made through normal channels at reasonable rates."

SHOWS FOR VETS

CHICAGO (FP)—More than 100 members of the Chicago local of American Federation of Radio Artists (AFL) are participating in shows at veterans hospitals sponsored by the Red Cross.

Texas Labor Scores Against Poll Tax

AUSTIN, Tex. (FP)—Labor and progressive forces in Texas scored one hit against the poll-tax and a home run for the soldier vote.

The house committee on amendments reported favorably 6 to 4 on Rep. S. J. Isaak's constitutional amendment for repeal of the polltax payment as a condition for voting. The house voted final approval of Sen. George Moffett's constitutional amendment authorizing those in the armed forces to vote without payment of the polltax.

Phone Workers Get Increase

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (FP)—Increases of \$2 to \$5 weekly for employees of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. were approved by the Natl. War Labor Board. The increases cover about 26,000 non-supervisory employees in a six-state area.

The Southwestern Bell Telephone Workers Union (unaffiliated) had asked for a \$7 weekly increase. The company offered increases averaging \$1.88 a week. Increases granted to operators are: large cities, \$5, with minimum of \$22 a week; smaller towns, 4, with minimum of \$20. Craftsmen such as linemen and automatic printer repairmen, armed guards, lunchroom attendants, officeworkers, janitors and elevator operators also receive increases.

All increases are retroactive to Aug. 29, 1944.

WLB Orders War Wage Level Held

UNIONTOWN, Pa. (FP)—In a decision that may set a precedent for reconversion wages, the third regional War Labor Board directed continuation of wartime wage levels for workers at Richmond Radiator Co., which has reconverted to peacetime production of bathtubs.

The company wanted reductions in wages to follow along with its resumption of peacetime production. WLB industry members dissented in the decision, which the company appealed to the national WLB. The workers are members of United Auto Workers (CIO).

Rejecting the company's proposal to cut wages, the regional WLB declared that such a policy "undoubtedly would produce a substantial deflationary pressure on the national economy." Such pressure, it held, is not consistent with the national interest.

Wartime levels should be maintained, Chairman Garrett said, because the substantial increase in wages and prices which occurred during the war "should be reflected in the wage rates of workers during the period of reconversion." Since only about one-third of the company's employees are now making bathtubs, an intra-plant inequity would result if their rates were slashed, he added.

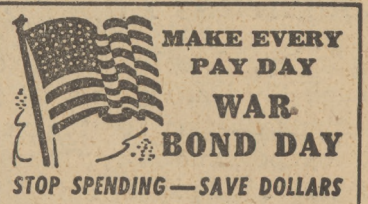
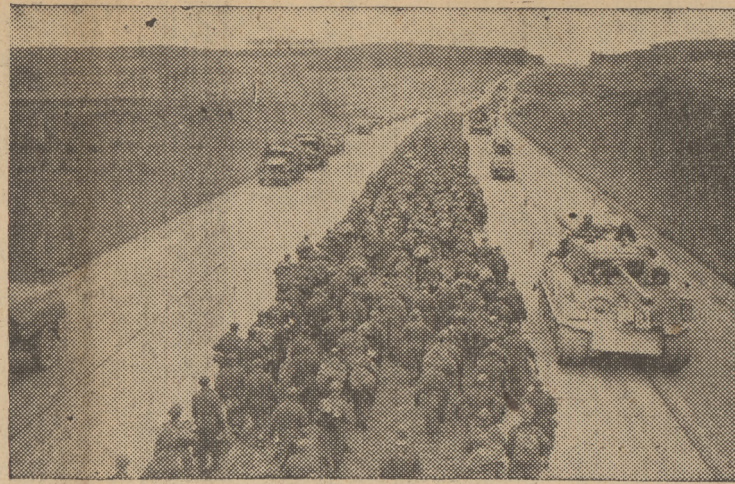


Photo Flashes of the News

Licked by a Union Label



A month ago mobs of German prisoners walked down the center island of this Autobahn in Germany, while union-made U. S. Third Army vehicles rolled past them. In the right foreground is one of the Sherman tanks made by members of United Auto Workers (CIO) and United Steelworkers (CIO). On the left are the 2 1/2-ton trucks which UAW workers manufacture at General Motors plants. A lot more of these will be needed to beat Japan.

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Soldiers, Unionists Work Together



To beat the tire shortage, servicemen have been working in perfect harmony side by side with members of United Rubber Workers (CIO) in Los Angeles rubber plants. Army furloughed servicemen roll the tires off the assembly line.

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Behind Barbed Wire



Even imprisonment in the notorious Bad Orb camp in Germany couldn't demoralize these American Newspaper Guild (CIO) men, who kept up moral of 3,364 Yank prisoners with a daily handwritten news bulletin and organized discussion groups. Shown with the final edition of the bulletin — STLAG IX-B LIBERATED — are Pfc. Joh Dunn, Federated Press editor; Dennis Murray, Chicago Tribune reporter; and Edward A. Uzemack, Chicago Times reporter.—U. S. Signal Corps Photo Via FP.

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That Singin' Man



"Any time a union calls me, I will come and sing," says Felipe Aguilar of Local 1421 United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (CIO) in Los Angeles. Called the UE Troubadour, he brightens many union functions with the Mexican folk songs he sings to his own guitar accompaniment.

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