

TAKE-HOME PAY MUST BE MAINTAINED

WHO DECIDED NASH 40 HOUR WEEK?

Workers Soon To Take Cut On Overtime

With the current announcement from Nash-Kelvinator of 40-hour weeks to start soon, labor is abruptly reminded that workers are facing a serious slash in pay that soon may affect many more Lansing factories. The Lansing Labor News, believing immediate basic pay increases one of the most vital needs of labor to offset the impending shorter work weeks which will and should continue after the war, will lend fullest editorial cooperation in the fight to maintain the workers' weekly income, maintain his standard of living and maintain purchasing power in the community. Basic pay rates must be raised. — Editor.

By IRVING RICHTER
Natl. Legis. Rep., UAW-CIO

We have always been sympathetic to the idea of giving more money to members of Congress. A Congressman's job is an important and difficult one if a man is conscientious. It is also expensive, if a man is honest.

But we hope that if Congress accepts President Truman's suggestion that they add 15% to their \$10,000 salary, this will not be used for a Congressional excuse to keep the workers straddled with the Little Steel formula.

The cost of bare living takes all of the wage earner's income. It doesn't take all of a \$10,000 salary.

HERE IS HOW IT CAN BE DONE

President Truman and Judge Vinson have repeated their stand against a general wage increase now. It will take pressure on Congress, on state and local officials—including Democratic party and Republican party officials—and on Truman himself, to get action so that take-home pay can be maintained through an increase in basic wage rates.

The result of concerted pressure was demonstrated by the statement released to the press and put into the Congressional Record by the six Democratic representatives from Michigan—after two big CIO representative delegations had seen them.

"For the cut-backs and lay offs now taking place, we recommend emergency unemployment compensation—expanded benefits and expanded coverage. We recommend immediate revision upward of the basic wage scales in order to offset the reduction of overtime. To take up the slack in purchasing power there must be no loss in take-home pay."

The CIO will start a massive campaign in the field for raising basic wages and winning a guaranteed annual wage. President Truman has his ear to the ground—the political ground. If enough local people—including precinct, county and state Democratic party chairmen and Republican party chairmen—publicly support the demand for increasing basic wage rates, both parties in Congress will jump on the bandwagon, and President

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Wood Pulls An "Avery" On Union

With little apparent concern for war manpower regulations, government agencies, the employees bargaining-committee or even the simple truth—Campbell Wood, general manager of the Nash-Kelvinator propeller division plant here, climaxed a number of recent questionable statements to the press with an arbitrary announcement last weekend that the plant would cut to 40 hours per week starting July 1.

This was without approval of the governmental agencies and even without notification of the union's elected bargaining committee, Nash Local 13 officials said.

They said these current tactics of defying the government and labor's elected representatives strongly resembled the tactics used by Sewell Avery of Montgomery Ward in his attempt to sabotage the unions.

Union spokesmen claimed the 40-hour week statement was given to the press last Friday, June 15, on the very day a meeting was being held between management and representatives of the Army Air Forces, War Manpower Commission, See NASH 40-HOUR WEEK, Page 4

WASHINGTON NEWS NOTES

By TRAVIS K. HEDRICK
For Federated Press and Lansing Labor News

WASHINGTON (FP) — If Americans really want to see the poll tax abolished as a prerequisite to the right to vote it can be done if enough of them wire and write their Senators for quick action.

The House did its part as expected June 12, voting 251 to 104 to pass HR 7, knocking out the undemocratic levy still retained in seven of the southern states, Alabama, Virginia, South Carolina, Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee.

House liberals were able to get the measure to the floor only by taking the bill away from the reactionary rules committee, which has for years deliberately blocked attempts to put liberal legislation before the congress.

The path to liberate the southern voter, white and Negro, from the unfair poll tax was blazed by House members who supported HR 7 and who signed the discharge petition, 218 strong, to force it out of the hands of the rules committee.

When the vote came, the minority was unable to swing anything except its own prejudices. A total of 85 Democrats were

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Photographic Evidence

Did Standard Oil Associates Misrepresent?



—Federated Pictures

Does this German factory appear destroyed? Standard Oil of New Jersey is suing the U. S. for recovery of 2,500 patents seized from the German chemical trust, I. G. Farbenindustrie, as alien property, which they claim to have bought in 1939. Government attempts to obtain documents of the sale as proof of cartel agreements failed when I. G. Farben claimed bombing destroyed their administrative office buildings where records were kept. Yet here are the I. G. Farben administrative office buildings in Frankfurt, Germany, absolutely intact and in use as Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters.

AUXILIARIES AROUSED

Worker's Wives Invade Washington to Support OPA Price Control Bill

By MRS. DOROTHY McCURDY
President Michigan CIO Women's Auxiliary Council

I hope by now that everyone has read the article in last week's paper entitled "What the CIO Does in Washington About Stopping Higher Prices." If you did not read this very interesting and important news, I suggest you find a copy of the paper and do so at once. It tells how CIO delegates went directly from Lansing and other cities to Washington to tell Congressmen to retain price control.

Auxiliaries were represented by Mrs. Audrey Jelley, secretary-treasurer of Mich. CIO Women's Auxiliary Council; Mrs. Catherine Gelles, International secretary-treasurer of the UAW Auxiliaries; Mrs. Florence Casper, president of the Ford Auxiliary and myself.

We attended with delegates from different locals throughout Michigan, a series of meetings with the Michigan Congressmen. We were glad to have this opportunity to express the views of women regarding this issue.

On June 8th our Auxiliary members met with the following Congresswomen: Mrs. Norton of New Jersey, Mrs. Woodhouse of Conn., Mrs. Helen Douglas of Calif., and Mrs. Bolton of Ohio.

The following women's organizations were also present at the conference: League of Women Shoppers, National Congress of Parents and Teachers, National Council of Negro Women, National Women's Trade Union League, United Council of Church Women, American Home Economics Association, National Federation of Settlements, National Council of Jewish Women, National Council of Catholic Women, American Association of University Women and National Education Association.

The first thing you noticed on entering the conference room was two market baskets. On one was a sign "1920 — \$1.34." This basket contained

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REED SAYS

Anti-Russian Propaganda Is Needless

Commenting on the wave of false anti-Russian propaganda being started currently in the American press, Dean Reed, Lansing PAC director, had the following to say:

"Let no American be disturbed by Russia's great power, for our nation need fear no nation. Fear can create the evil it fears. Roosevelt knew what he was talking about when he said, 'the only thing we have to fear is fear itself.'"

"The Russian system has produced a strong, happy and united people, economically independent. Russian youth has been trained from infancy to do the thing that is best for the group. This is a lesson we must learn, if we are to have a true democracy."

"Rugged individualism must give way to cooperative helpfulness."

League Formed For Ex-Marines

By LAYTON M. AVES
Chief of Staff

Ex-marines, are you still interested in the corps? Did you know you can still be an active part of it?

Lansing has organized its own league and is now accepting members. If you have ever been a marine or a marine woman reserve you are eligible to become a part of our organization.

We need and want men and women who are proud of the corps they served in. Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, at 200 East Grand River, Legionnaire club. Why not inquire or come to one of our meetings. It will not interfere in your present veteran affiliations.

You know when we "Leather-necks" get together we certainly have a lot in common to talk about. This isn't just a social club, it has a purpose. You will find out if you inquire or attend our meeting.

Any information can be supplied by Adjutant Jeane Rowden, phone 23607, 1008 E. Main street.

"Once a marine — always a marine."

Dance Saturday At Council Hall

The Dairy Workers Auxiliary will hold their first summer dance this Saturday, June 23, at the Lansing CIO Council hall, 109 E. South Street.

Recently attractively redecorated, the hall will provide ample space for a good time. Dancing will start at 9 p.m. and last until 1 a.m. Refreshments will be served.

Tickets, priced at 50c, will be on sale at the door. All CIO members and their friends are invited.

In Local 600 Athletic Event



—Federated Pictures

Maybe he came in last, but 78-year-old Tom Brown got a prize anyway—for being the oldest contestant in the Natl. Amateur Union's 25 kilometer walk sponsored by Detroit's UAW-CIO Local 600. He is shown here receiving his trophy from the local's recreation director, John Gallo.

144 Hours Vacation Pay Asked For 5-Year Employees of GM

General Motors employees covered by the UAW-CIO will receive up to 144 hours vacation pay if the WLB grants a proposed schedule of vacation pay and other benefits.

When Russell White and Alvin Taylor of Olds Local 652 returned from their recent trip to Washington, they brought the

Auto Parts Firm Starts Own Strike

CHICAGO (FP) — Automotive and aviation parts manufacturers are staging a sitdown strike against OPA, the United Auto Workers (CIO) executive board charged here.

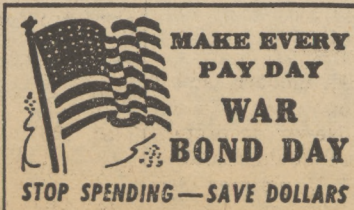
Observing that the Automotive & Aviation Parts Manufacturers Inc. has "threatened to withhold civilian output unless OPA ceiling prices for auto parts are increased above their 1942 levels in the reconversion period," a resolution adopted by the board said: "Wage rates have risen by no more than 5% and the cost of raw materials by an even smaller percentage since 1942, when high profit margins prevailed in the industry. Such an unscrupulous sit-down strike would be for price levels to bring profits far in excess of those prevailing in 1942 and break OPA controls on the prices on all civilian products."

The board called on the Justice Dept. to investigate the AAPM and also demanded repeal of provisions of the "present tax law which could be used for the payment of huge profits out of tax funds to corporations whose plants have been deliberately shut down."

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GUEST EDITORIAL

What Will the Boys Think?

"Just wait until the boys come home — then see what you'll get for striking in wartime," prate certain industrialists through their newspaper mouthpieces. Headlines in the papers give the impression that labor has lost about 50 per cent of its worktime through strikes instead of less than a tenth of one per cent.

We believe we are a Christian nation.* We give Almighty God beautiful lip service and we inscribe our dollars — which we also love—with the high-sounding phrase, "In God we trust."

Perhaps the phrase applied more to our founding fathers. We moderns trust more in our great economic system, whose mainspring is selfishness—directly opposite from the teachings of Christ.

We have been taught that elfishness (called individual initiative, perhaps) is the only spiritual force strong enough to make men accomplish much. A man capable of looking his dying mother in the face while planning how to get more than his share of her estate is regarded as a hard-headed, practical business man, a worthy model for American youth to follow.

Why, then, be shocked if labor, following the example set by capital, attempts to feather its own nest while feathers are handy?

When our boys left home to fight the physical foes of democracy abroad, they left to their fathers and brothers the two-fold job of supplying them with modern war machinery and guarding the home front against American fascism. Yes, the constant anti-Russian, anti-negro, anti-Jewish and anti-labor propaganda in America indicates we, ourselves, are in greater danger from fascism than most of us realize.

With all due allowances for the unthinking selfishness of many workers, labor's actual record of achievement and patriotic sacrifice compares favorably with that of capital. Fifty or sixty dollars a week is considered too much wages for workers, and capital proposes to reduce it by cutting out overtime; but when Roosevelt proposed to limit personal incomes to \$480 a week (\$25,000 a year) did capital jump at the chance for soul growth that such a self-sacrifice would afford?

The idea wasn't even considered.

Furthermore, it was made clear to Uncle Sam that war contracts would not be interesting unless increased profits were guaranteed. There are still loud squeals for "tax relief" although net profits in 1944 AFTER PAYING ALL TAXES were more than double those of 1939.

To sum up: our boys have been drafted to risk their lives for democracy, while labor has had to fight constantly to preserve its constitutional rights. No practical effort has been made to draft capital or limit its profits properly.

When the boys come home, will they believe the propaganda they have been fed, or will they listen to their fathers and brothers who worked in the plants or helped the unions fight American fascism and maintain wages and working conditions?

Just what will they think, anyway?

—Ernest Smartweed.

Lawmakers Chaplain Assails Lobbyists

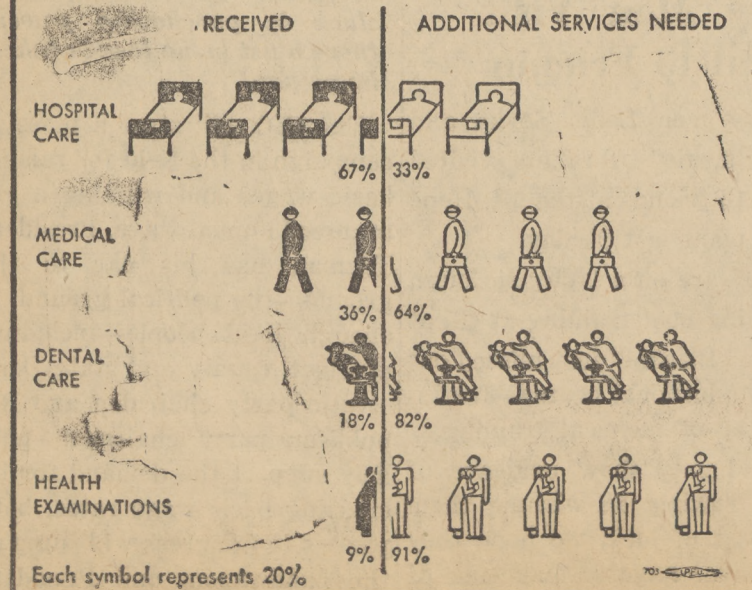
SACRAMENTO, Calif. (FP) — Faces of big business lobbyists in the assembly here turned a deep shade of red when they heard their activities denounced by the official chaplain, Torrance Phelps, in his opening prayer at a recent morning session of the California lawmakers.

The lobbyists, who have killed every effort at liberal legislation this session, sat in embarrassed silence as Phelps prayed for the "moral and spiritual welfare of the people in the gallery and the representatives of the special business and professional men who gather here."

"May they always remember," he said, "that Hitlerism began with the illicit greed of selfish industrialists, and may we have the moral stamina to stand against the pressure that would alter the destiny of California."

MEDICAL SERVICES RECEIVED AND NEEDED

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Soviet Labor Leader Visits U. S. Factory

NEW YORK (FP) — Soviet labor leader Mikhail Tarasov got a first-hand look at how an American war plant works in an inspection tour of the Sperry Gyroscope Co. as the guest of labor and management.

Stopping here briefly on his way home from the San Francisco conference, where he was an official delegate, Tarasov spent several hours inspecting the plant, escorted by R. E. Gilmore, Sperry's president, and Business Rep. George Rooney of Local 450, United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (CIO).

The white-haired labor leader, who is secretary of the All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions of the USSR, also addressed a meeting of 100 UE shop stewards at the plant, answering their many questions about how unions work in Russia.

FISHER AUXILIARY No. 202

At the regular monthly meeting, held Tuesday, June 12, at the Fisher hall, Mrs. Dorothy McCurdy gave a report on her trip to Washington, where she lobbied on the Price Control Act and also attended the Board meeting of the Congress of Women's Auxiliaries.

Everyone present wrote a card to Representative Blackney urging him to vote for the Price Control Act with no weakening amendments and full appropriations.

The Auxiliary is also writing letters on the Lanham Act, as we feel there is a definite need for child care centers and a school lunch program.

Following the business meeting luncheon was played. Mrs. Alta Steward and Mrs. Minnie McCurdy won the prizes. Refreshments were also served.

There will be a special meeting Tuesday, June 26, at 8 p.m. at the hall. All members are urged to attend.

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Staff Sgt. Louis Gray (Dorothy McCurdy's brother) has been transferred from the troop carrier command to the air transport command, and is now in Trinidad, South America.

Lt. Jack Eno is now stationed at Lincoln, Neb. His wife and baby daughter are visiting him there.

DAIRY AUXILIARY

The Dairy Workers Women's Auxiliary met June 14 at the home of Etta Kenyons for its fifth meeting, with a large attendance.

We held a raffle to help our treasury, and the winner was Ruth Sherman.

The girls also volunteered to help out our union in planning a party or dance, which is going to be held in the near future.

We all wrote cards to Rep. Blackney on the Price Control Act.

We usually stage some entertainment and a lunch after each meeting, but this time we were all entertained by our husbands, who took us to Round Lake.

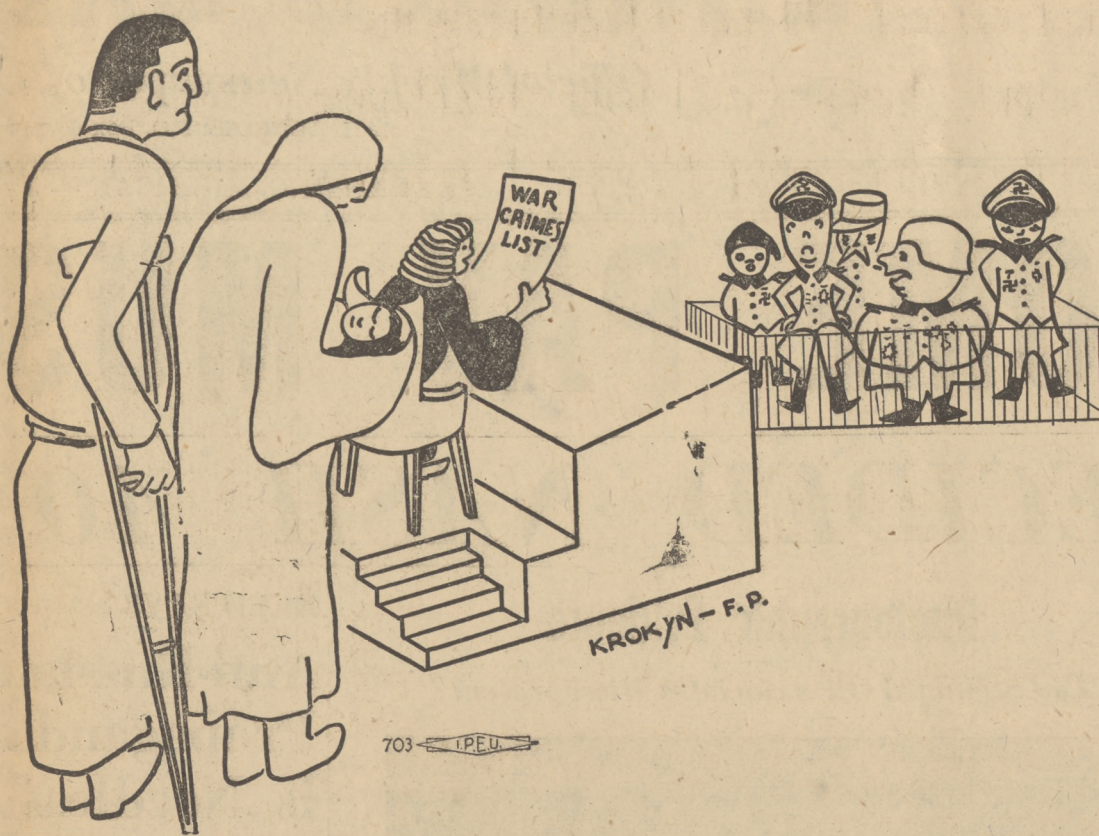
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Pfc. Charles J. Clark of the marines, is now serving overseas, helping with the invasion of Okinawa, was the word received by his wife, Shirley.

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Mrs. Marjorie Adcock just became a member. Mrs. Adcock's husband is serving in Czechoslovakia.

Punish Them Now!



What About Behind-the-Scenes War Criminals?

WHERE ARE THE MASTER MINDS — the unadvertised anti-labor, anti-Germany, anti-Russian and anti-democracy directors of industry and banking who staked Hitler and his gang to destroy unions and freedom? Is it to be business as usual with them — or do they get arrested and placed on trial, too? — Editor.

YOUR DOLLAR By Consumers Union

Phonograph Needles

In a preliminary report on phonograph needles the May issue of Consumer Reports rates seven brands of "permanent" needles on the basis of extensive laboratory tests.

The report follows a year's work by the Consumer's Union technical staff on the development of methods of test to determine:

1—Relative wear on the records caused by the different needles.

2—Relative merit with respect to tone reproduction.

3—The number of records each needle can play.

Wear on records was considered the most important factor in the ratings.

Of the seven brands tested, top rating was given to the FIDELITONE, which sells for 50c and to the FIDELITONE De LUXE, selling for \$1. Both of these could be used satisfactorily for about a thousand playings with the average phonograph pick-up arm.

The Pfanstiehl needle (\$1.50) was found in the tests to cause more record wear than the FIDELITONE needle though it was satisfactory in other respects. Two needles out of the seven rated in the preliminary report were considered by CU technicians to be "not acceptable" because they caused excessive record wear in the tests.

These were the Walco Genuine Sapphire (\$1) and the Reoton Sapphire (\$5).

Six needles of each brand rated were tested.

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YOUR DOLLAR is a regular feature. The facts and opinions are based on Consumer Reports, the monthly magazine of Consumers Union, 17 Union Sq., New York 3, N. Y., a non-profit organization whose main object is to safeguard buyers by testing and reporting on consumer goods.

Montgomery Ward Fooled by Avery

Washington (LPA) — Sewell Avery, the nation's number one labor-hater, "disguised and hid" from Montgomery Ward stockholders the real issues in the War Labor Board dispute, it was charged here last week by the Nat'l Committee to Protect Labor Rights of Montgomery Ward Workers.

Avery's contention that "Ward's bargains in good faith with any union which represents a majority of its employees" was challenged in the Committee's reply that "of about 25 units for

Sadowski Is on Committee for Employment

WASHINGTON (FP) — Formation of an executive committee composed of congressmen from among the 72 co-sponsors of the full employment bill (HR 2202) was announced June 12 by Rep. Wright Patman (D., Tex.) original sponsor of the measure.

Rep. George E. Outland (D., Cal.) is chairman of the committee, composed of Reps. Andrew Biemiller (D., Wis.), Walter Brehm (R., O.), John Fogarty (D., R. I.), W. K. Granger (D., Utah), Estes Kefauver (D., Tenn.), M. M. Neely (D., W. Va.), Mary T. Norton (D., N. J.), Luther Patrick (D., Ala.), G. G. SADOWSKI (D., Mich.), and Charles R. Savage (D., Wash.) Patman is ex-officio chairman.

Outland said the committee will work to enlist additional support for the bill in and out of congress and set up subcommittees to aid its work.

"The idea that we can have full employment in peace as in war and with rising standards of living and freedom has captured the imagination of the American people," Outland said. "Because we are now the world's greatest industrial power, full employment here at home is the very foundation of world prosperity, fair dealing and lasting peace."

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. 118 S. Washington.

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

NASH 13 — Second Sunday in month, 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—Meet 7:30 p. m., second Friday of month, 109 E. South St., at CIO Council Hall.

which unions . . . have certified as representing a majority of the employees, not a single contract has been signed."

WHAT THE READERS WRITE

Letters intended for publication should avoid personal attacks and factional union politics. Statements in any letter do not necessarily express the views of this paper or of any CIO administration.

To the Editor:

Dean Reed's article about defending Negroes' rights reminds me of a true story.

It happened before the automobile did, when a trip to town in the lumber wagon was a real event in the life of many a farm boy and when few Negroes lived in Michigan.

Young Frank has never seen one, but had often heard folks talk about "niggers" without getting any clear idea of what they meant. One day he rode to town with a neighbor and returned much excited at what he had seen.

"Oh, Ma! Ma!" he shouted, "A nigger's a man! A nigger's a man!"

Every white nigger-denouncing jackass in the country needs to have that fact rubbed into him everlastingly. The continued rapid growth of the CIO with its well known stand on the race question is one of the bright spots in the present situation.

—Stacy Brown

Atlanta CIO-AFL Recommends City Improvements

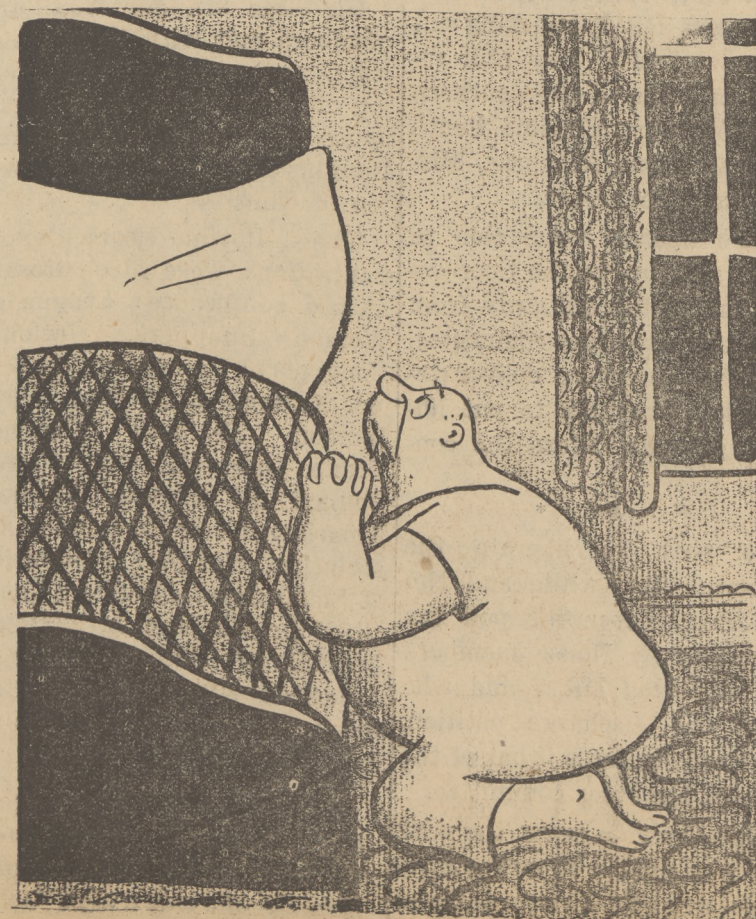
ATLANTA, Ga. (FP) — Organized labor and the Chamber of Commerce jointly called on the city of Atlanta and the county commission to take immediate steps on a program of major public improvements.

In letters to the mayor and commission chairman, the heads of the local AFL, CIO and metropolitan planning committee of the Atlanta C of C and asked that a committee be formed to plan urgently needed improvements and issue bonds to finance the program.

The group proposed projects in transportation and parking, schools, hospitals, public buildings, parks and playgrounds and airports with a maximum use of federal aid. All political boundary lines must be erased, they said, suggesting that members of the committee be selected from business, civic and labor groups which can enlist the united effort of the community.

butter. Canned goods were also short in some lines. Some of the stores lacked canned peaches, 50 per cent canned pears, 72 canned pineapple, but only 2 per cent had no canned milk.

A Reactionary's Prayer



"... and please keep the unions fighting among themselves."

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THEY ARE ORGANIZED

National Manufacturers Spent Nearly Two Million To Lobby and Fight Unions

By BETTY GOLDSTEIN

NEY YORK (FP) — The Natl. Association of Manufacturers spent close to \$2 million in 1944 on its postwar campaign to destroy unions, get rid of government controls and insure for the big monopolies and unchecked race for profits and world domination.

THEY FURNISHED THESE FACTS

Details of the propaganda, lobbying and organizational activities big business has been carrying on to sell its program to the public and arm its members against labor and the government were revealed in the NAM's yearly statement of income and disbursements, "HOW YOUR NAM DOLLAR WAS SPENT IN 1944."

Last year the NAM took in from its members \$1,890,038.96. It spent \$538,581.95 on broad propaganda activities, excluding union-fighting. Disguised in the statement as "services on behalf of industry," this included the NAM's high-powered manipulation of newspapers, radio, movies, school, church, women's clubs and farm groups to get across its "free enterprise" program and "the soundness of management's position on current issues and management's good faith and good motives."

TAX RELIEF FOR THE GREEDY

The statement gives the NAM credit for "providing the machinery for development and promotion of a sound federal fiscal policy," a reference to the 1944 tax bill, passed over labor's protest and condemned by Pres. Roosevelt as "providing relief not for the needy but for the greedy."

The NAM also boasts that its work put over the social security tax freeze in Congress, preventing the building up of the funds needed to tide workers over the reconversion period. It spent \$67,994.41 on these two legislative aims alone.

Another \$98,747.28 was spent on working up sentiment for "relaxation or removal of wartime controls," "sound procedures in terminating war contracts" and "marshalling business support responsible for the many developments in the Price Control Act and its administration."

SABOTAGE OPA PRICE CONTROL

This last confirms NAM backing of the intensive lobbying throughout the past year to sabotage OPA and the price control law, which labor has warned would cut deeply into workers' wages by forcing sky-high prices during reconversion. NAM's foreign trade program, which favors cartels and opposes the Bretton Woods plan for international economic cooperation, took another sizable sum.

Aids to management in fighting unions, getting around the NLRB and War Labor Board, keeping up company unions and refusing wage demands were scattered over such items as "Law Dept." and "Industrial Relations Services," costing \$163,492.53. NAM members were given weekly tips on the latest court and WLB decisions providing possible loopholes in collective bargaining procedure. "Member requests for such information reached a new high during the year," the statement said.

CLOSE TO FEDERAL OFFICES

Insight into the NAM's methods for getting big business' point of view heard in Washington is given in the description of the Washington office and administrative expenses, which ate up close to \$500,000. "NAM cooperates closely with federal departments and agencies concerned with prosecution of the war and transition and postwar problems," the statement said. "NAM officers and committee chairmen in addition to close contacts with individual government officials and congressmen, participated in literally scores of hearings before, or conferences with, government departments, boards and commissions."

FIGHTING FULL EMPLOYMENT

In its last annual convention in December 1944, the NAM resolved to intensify its fight against the NLRB, WLB, OPA, FEPC, Securities and Exchange Commission and legislative protection of labor, controls on profits, nonopoly practices and foreign trade. It also declared war on the administration's full employment program and announced plans to "counter-act" labor's political action. That's how the NAM dollar will be spent in 1945.

Montgomery Ward Clerks In Kansas Get Raises

WASHINGTON (FP)—The Natl. War Labor Board upheld its Denver Board May 1 in granting maintenance of membership, time and a half for overtime, and wage increases of from 3 to 14c an hour for workers in Montgomery Ward & Co.'s store at Pueblo, Colo.

The Retail Clerks Intl. Protective Assn. (AFL) represents the 72 employees.

Labor Candidates In Minneapolis Swamp Election

MINNEAPOLIS (FP) — Liberal and progressive forces here scored a sweeping victory in electing Hubert H. Humphrey, Jr., as mayor and winning a liberal majority in the city council, which had been deadlocked for two years.

Labor-indorsed candidates for the school board also carried with a decisive majority.

Outstanding was the victory of Mrs. Nellie Stone, Negro candidate for the library board, who is the first Negro ever elected to city office in Minneapolis. An elevator operator, Mrs. Stone is vice president of her local of Hotel & Restaurant Employees Intl. Alliance (AFL) and has been active in its educational and political work.

Wartime Living

By

Betty Goldstein for FP

THE MEAT SHORTAGE

In 1943-44, when hogs swamped the yards at every packing center, the packers waited they did not have enough workers to slaughter and process the hogs fast enough. The packers were right but they were wrong too, the union says, because there would have been enough labor had the packers upped wages. Instead they would not budge an inch, so a farmer's hogs were often held over, losing weight and falling in price.

Hog farmers could do nothing but reduce their next pig crop—a 28% cut in the 1944 spring pig crop and a 33% cut in the fall pig crop. Those small crops are now felt in the general meat shortage.

And the packers, whose low wage policies in 1944 meant less meat in 1945, are now trying their best to break the price control act in Washington so they can clean up on a rise in meat prices. Their wartime profits broke all records but they want a guarantee of still higher prices in the year to come.

Meanwhile, Price Administrator Chester A. Bowles warns that you'll be able to buy only about 60 pounds of meat during 1945 with your ration points and even less if you live in a meat shortage area.

SHOES

The shoe shortage is getting worse. Only 1 3/4 pairs per person this year, as compared with the prewar supply of 2 1/2 pairs. About one-third of the industry's materials and manpower is going into military shoes. The industry suffers from leather shortages, labor shortages and lining shortages, as well as shortages of brass eyelets, shoe laces and even boxes. Women will also find it more and more difficult to get soles half-soled.

CANNED GOODS

Go easy on canned goods. The shortage is getting worse. Carryover for next year will be only 20 million cases of canned fruits, vegetables, juices and catsup, compared to 36 million cases a year ago and 61 million two years ago. With government needs higher than ever, canned goods available to civilians will be sharply reduced, especially vegetables and fruits.

BLANKETS

Wool blanket supplies for civilians are dwindling to the lowest level of the war period. The government's requirements are so heavy that the industry can meet only half of its needs. Re-

BUT CO. STALLS

Army Okays Montgom'ward Pay Boosts

CHICAGO (FP) — A court decision upholding government seizure of Montgomery Ward & Co. properties released the brakes on wage increases and other benefits for Ward employees.

Immediately following the court decision, which upset a lower court ruling that the seizure was illegal, the army announced it would carry out all the terms of the executive order under which it took over operation of Ward properties.

These terms include a Natl. War Labor Board directive ordering the company to meet demands of the United Retail Wholesale & Dept. Store Employees (CIO) for minimum weekly wages, back pay, maintenance of membership and dues checkoff.

Refusal of the mail order company to comply with the directive led to government seizure of Ward properties in seven cities last December. Provisions of the WLB directive were not enforced pending legal outcome of the dispute.

Despite the new army announcement, there were indications that the WLB directive might again be held up by Ward's request for a 30-day stay of the court decision. The company intends to fight the case to the U. S. supreme court and it is believed that the appeal may automatically freeze the present status of the case.

tail stores are already very short of blankets and their stocks will probably be sold out by fall.

FISH

Meat and egg shortages have created the greatest demand in history for fish. Fresh fish will be more plentiful this year than in 1944 but canned fish will be scarce. Heavier buying by the armed forces will leave only a fifth of the 1945 salmon, sardine, sea herring and mackerel packs for civilians.

PHONES

Restrictions on the production of telephones have been lifted by WPB. This means telephone companies may begin to fill some of the backlog of applications for phones. But service will still be hampered by the scarcity of switchboards and other facilities.

**Our Job Is to Save
Dollars**
Buy
War Bonds
Every Pay Day

Rotten Eggs Served Patients



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This truckload of rotten eggs, hastily buried when investigation was ordered, is only one evidence of the bad conditions existing at Milledgeville (Ga.) State Hospital. Yet, when the CIO regional office exposed the sordid story in the public interest, state investigators, despite photographic evidence, signed affidavits of doctors and hospital employees and the evidence of their own eyes, whitewashed the vermin-ridden hospital and turned their report into an attack on labor unions.



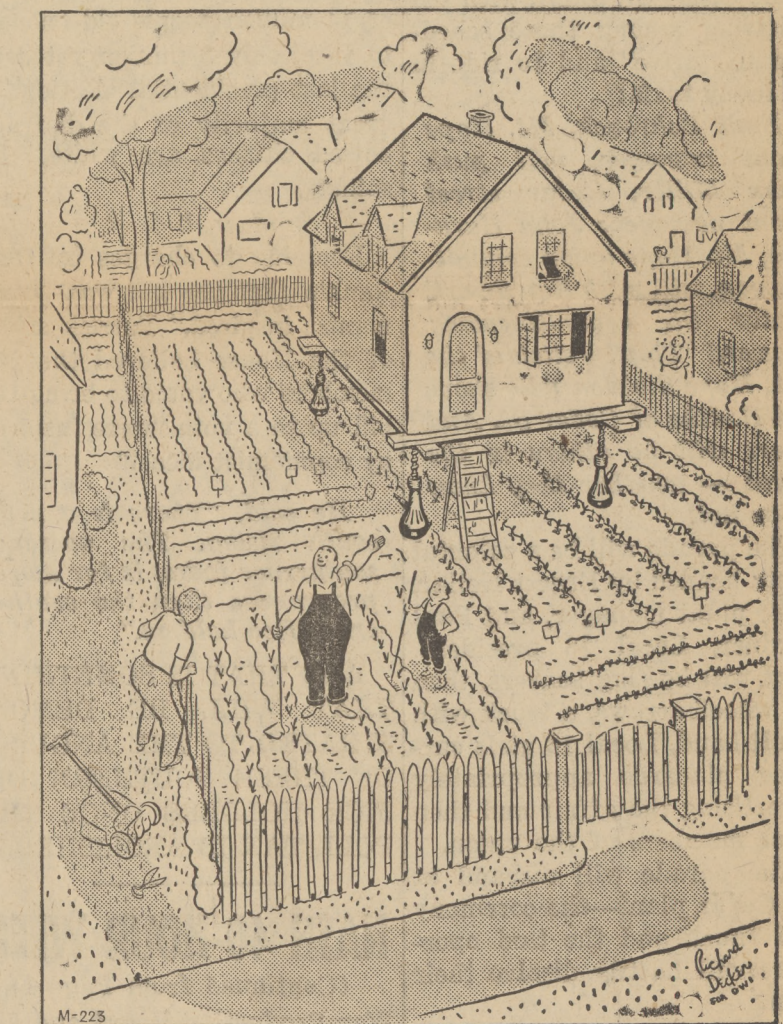
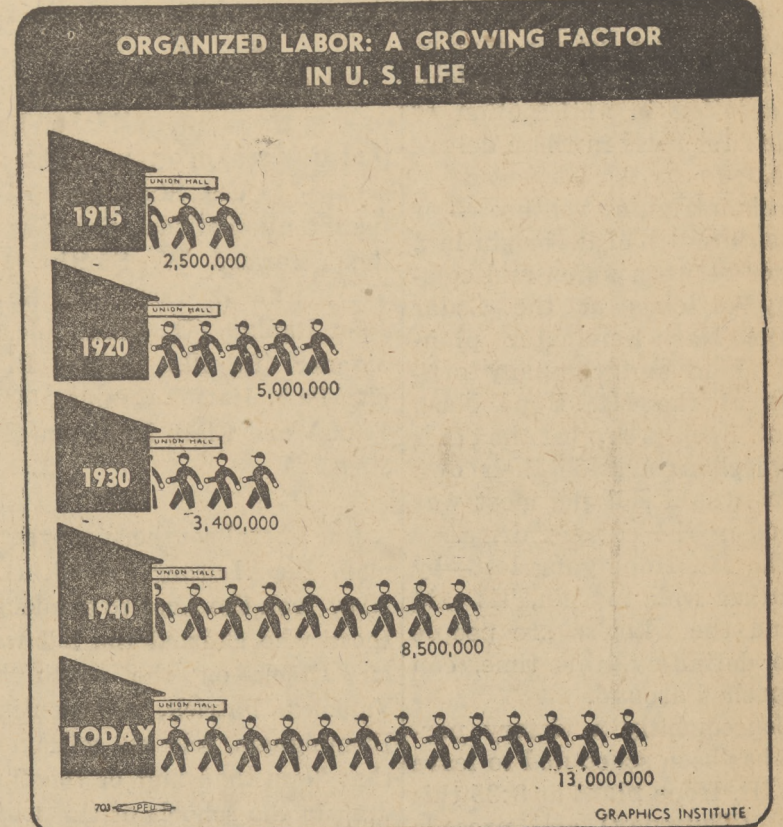
EDITOR'S NOTE — George Nader's popular column, undoubtedly due to circumstances beyond his control, was unable to meet the printer's deadline and couldn't be included in this issue. Since Nader has been the paper's most prompt and depend-

able contributor, readers will recognize that accidents can happen and will look forward to seeing George back with us next week.

Douglas Cutback

LOS ANGELES (FP)—Putting a No. 1 priority on postwar planning, Asst. CIO Research Director Sanford Goldner revealed here that Douglas Aircraft Corp. has eliminated its third shift and has warned the union that employment will be cut in half.

Buy * War * Stamps



"WE'RE DETERMINED TO RAISE MORE THIS YEAR."



"WE OUGHTN'T TO BE MAKING THIS TRIP BECAUSE IT ISN'T ESSENTIAL—BUT GRANDMA MISSES US SO!"

IT WON'T LAST

Parade Today Opens (and Closes) City's Newest Taxi Service

Lansing's newest, slowest and most uncomfortable taxi service will make its first trips today (Thursday), after which it is expected the drivers will immediately quit — even before people have a chance to line up and refuse rides.

The rolling stock in the new firm consists of five late model (or fairly late) wheelbarrows, which shows how devastating the effects of war can be. Yet so great is the demand for transportation from several passengers that they have been on the waiting list for days or maybe weeks and are practically drooling in anticipation of their first rides in these deluxe jobs.

This intriguing venture — or adventure — had its origin in a wager between union and company officials at the Cedar Street Nash-Kelvinator plant and union and company officials at the Mt. Hope Nash plant. Each group bet the other a wheelbarrow ride their own plant would sell the most war bonds in the current drive.

The Mt. Hope gang lost — by a rather wide margin, 'tis said — and the winners are people who definitely, this time, can be pushed around.

Consequently a victory parade has been scheduled to leave the Mt. Hope plant at 3:35 this p.m. (Thursday) and proceed to the Cedar St. plant, with the following among those scheduled to "drive" and to ride in the lowly taxis:

Emil Rohrbach, Mt. Hope plant manager, will push John Miller, Cedar street plant manager; John Haruska, Mt. Hope union committeeman, will push Ray Swart, Cedar St. committeeman; Howard "Tiny" Veitch of the Mt. Hope division will shove Ed Radtke of Cedar St. And there will be others in the event — whether they know it or not.

The parade will be a colorful event, headed by Ernest Kellar, Nash plant manager, and Paul Gardner, Local 13 president. Next will be flag bearers, then the wheelbarrows, a truck with a full band, Local 13 girls carrying placards appropriately advertising the affair and then other members of the union.

The parade will disband at the Cedar plant — the ceremony will finish and the taxi operators will hastily dissolve their firm.

TAKE-HOME PAY

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Truman will see the wisdom of changing his policy.

He himself has recognized that unless purchasing power is maintained, there will not be full employment. Purchasing power is not being maintained, with prices going up, with heavy cutbacks setting in and pay envelopes getting thinner with the loss of overtime pay.

Our wage fight has become the fight to maintain employment and prevent depression. It is the concern of the entire community. It is the responsibility of the CIO, the best organized group in the community, to bring the issue squarely before every section of every community. This issue will be the number one job for every member and every officer of every CIO organization in the country.



WASHINGTON

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joined by 19 Republicans against the bill, with most House Republicans joining with liberal Democrats for the measure.

Leading opponents were, of course, the same anti-labor bloc that figures in every fight on peoples' issues. Standing up for the retention of the poll tax were Rep. Howard W. Smith (D., Va.), Eugene Cox (D., Ga.), John Rankin (D., Miss.), Jesse Sumner (R., Ill.), Robert Rich (R., Pa.), Hatton Sumners (D., Texas) and Clare Hoffman (R., Mich.).

One liberal southern congressman, Rep. Luther Patrick (D., Ala.) took the floor to challenge those who claimed the bill was an attack on the south by Yankees. Patrick, representing Birmingham, told his colleagues that "less than half of the children in the schools of the south have parents who can vote. Out of 14 million people old enough to vote, only 3 million voted in the last presidential election. A great majority of the disfranchised citizens are white," he said.

Replying to charges by Rep. Rankin that the bill was "communist inspired," Patrick asked of the House believed the 224 members who voted to bring the bill up to a vote "were inspired by communist ideas."

He said, "There is a new south rising. The average southerner today is far more progressive than the southern office holders."

AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WILL BE DEMONSTRATED TO THE ANGUISH OF THESE SOUTHERN OFFICE HOLDERS ONCE THE POLL TAX IS ABOLISHED.

NASH 40-HOUR WEEK

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War Production Board and Locals 13 and 149 — supposedly to discuss what to do in case of another cutback.

Wood evidently believes democratic discussion should be preceded by dictatorial action.

At the meeting management denied there would be any immediate cutback or any reduction in the work week, said bargaining committee members. That was Friday.

Saturday the local daily carried the announcement by Wood about the 40-hour work week, and Sunday the story appeared about the new cutbacks which management had denied at the meeting Friday.

This was a bit too much for union Local 13 officials to pass off lightly. A telegram was dispatched to Richard T. Frankenstein requesting an investigation of the action of WPB in notifying management of a cutback prior to the "simultaneous announcement" supposedly required by WPB regulations.



Dairy Workers Wives Elect Aux. Officers

Newly elected officers of the Dairy Workers Women's Auxiliary are as follows:

RUTH SHERMAN, President
EVELYN MOSS, Vice-President

ETTA KENYON, Rec. Secretary

WILMA CHAMBERLAIN, Fin. Secretary

SHIRLEY CLARK, 1 year Trustee

HAZEL PERKINS, 2 year Trustee

VIVIAN BRENNAN, 3 year Trustee

Delegates to Lansing CIO Council: Chamberlain, Sherman, Moss, Kenyon.

Delegates to Lansing Labor News: Moss and Kenyon; alternates, Chamberlain and Brennan.

More Alphabet Soup Served

Washington (LPA) — Fred Perkins, labor reporter for the 17 Scripps-Howard newspapers, returned to Washington from Detroit with a red-and-white badge in his lapel. To questioners he disclosed that he had become a member of a new lodge, the CAIC. The letters indicate the bewilderment in which the auto industry finds itself in the midst of conflicting reconversion plans and government orders. CAIC, he disclosed, means "Cripes, Am I Confused." Perkins said that his assignment was to organize a Washington chapter among officials of WPB, OPA, WLB, NLRB, and WMC.

FIGHT PRICES

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ed just five pounds of sugar. On the other basket the sign read "1945 — \$1.34."

The 1945 basket contained five pounds of sugar, one dozen eggs, six oranges, a pound loaf of bread, 2 quarts of milk and a box of Post Toasties.

The Congresswomen were very much impressed with this exhibit as it brought out clearly the need for price control.

This is a dangerous period because of the many adjustments which must be made. It is the responsibility of every woman to take an active part in the fight to have the Price Control Act extended. We must do this in order to protect our own homes and children.

This surely is not the time for prices to increase, as already many of us have had our incomes decreased. We must also remember that our service-men's dependents have a fixed income and that even present prices are too high to allow a decent standard of living for these people.

It is our responsibility as housewives to inform our Congressmen and Senators that we want the Price Control Act extended for at least one year with no weakening amendments. We cannot help but win this fight, as we are only asking for our economic rights and not pressuring for profit.

It takes only a few minutes to write a letter or card to our Congressman but it will save many dollars. Don't let anyone tell you that your opinion is not necessary, for if our representatives in Washington receive enough letters they will support the Price Control Act.

Watch for Frauds In Surplus Goods

Washington (LPA) — A prediction that "attempts at fraud, favoritism, racketeering, evasion of law and similar abuses may be expected when billions of dollars of surplus property

are being disposed of" was made by the government last week. The Surplus Property Board said that its policy would be to prevent by periodic surveys all such abuses or to detect them before they assume serious proportions. The surveys will be made of all disposal points in

the U. S. and abroad.

Complaints and information on irregularities should be sent to the Compliance Division, Surplus Property Board, Washington 25, D. C. Paramount purpose of surplus property compliance is to assure that orderly, efficient, honest disposition will

be made of the huge quantities of war goods which are already being made available to the public and private business.

Invest in Victory — Buy War Bonds and Stamps.

Health is Defense

Photo Flashes of the News

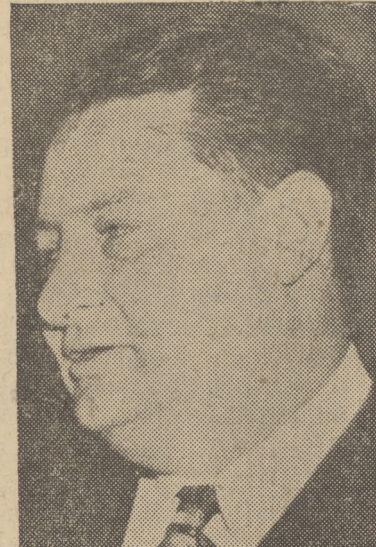
Clips OPA



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Sen. Kenneth S. Wherry (R., Neb.) introduced the inflationary amendment to create a cost-plus formula for farm products in the bill which the Senate passed to extend OPA. President Truman had asked that the amendment be rejected, but its author, spokesman for farm monopolies, got it through.

1,900,000



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Unemployment will spread to 1,900,000 within three months, WPB Chairman J. A. Krug predicted in his monthly report on munitions production. The reduced requirements of a one-front war will release far more workers than civilian production can absorb at present.

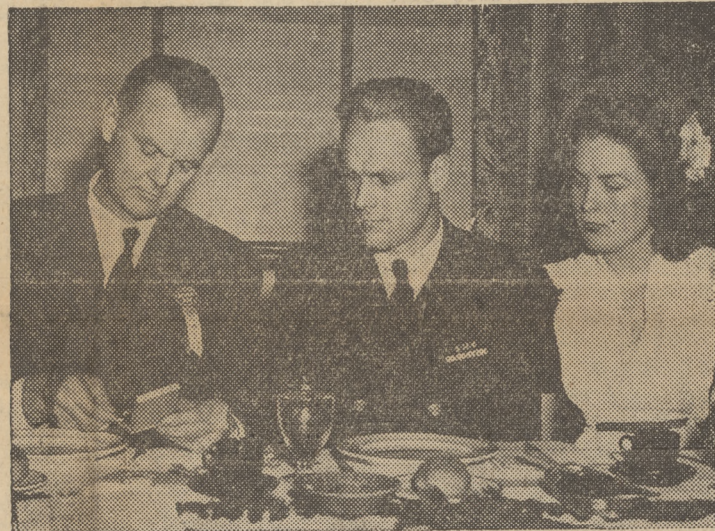
He Likes Unions Now



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No anti-labor propaganda for this vet. When Lt. Al Herwitz went into the Army, there was no union where he was employed. When he was discharged, Local 65, United Retail, Wholesale & Dept. Store Employees, CIO, was there. They went to bat for him after management refused to rehire him — so he has his job back, a large pay increase and a union card besides.

Salute to Pop



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To celebrate the day we remember Father, the Natl. Father's day committee selected Charles Drewes, Natl. Maritime Union, CIO, as Maritime Father of the Year and, at a banquet in New York City, awarded him a scroll of valor on behalf of all merchant seamen. Above is shown Drewes, center, being congratulated by Lawrence Tibbett while Mrs. Tibbett looks on.

Planning For Jobs



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Pres. R. J. Thomas of the United Auto Workers, CIO (left) and shipbuilder Henry J. Kaiser confer in Oakland, Calif., on plans for Kaiser to keep his government-built Fontana steel plant and enter automobile after the war.

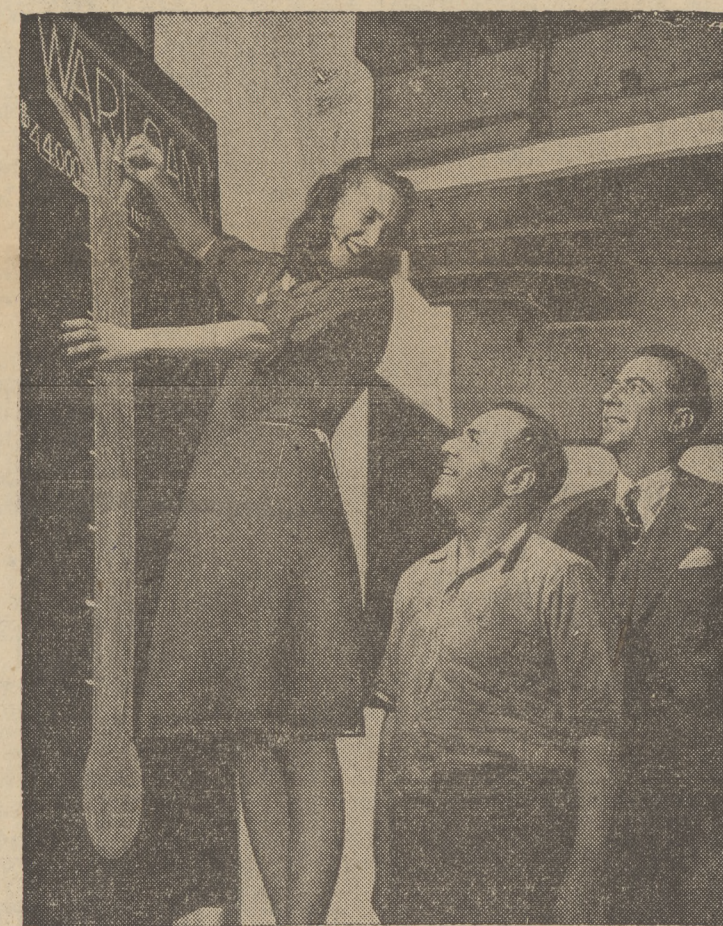
Lending a Hand



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The UAW-CIO drive to end the Budd Mfg. Co. anti-union stronghold in Philadelphia got support when Local 234 members of Transport Workers Union, CIO, went out bright and early to hand leaflets to Budd employees. Result: NLRB ordered a collective bargaining election at the plant. Above, Local 234 Recording Sec. A. Gallagher distributes leaflets.

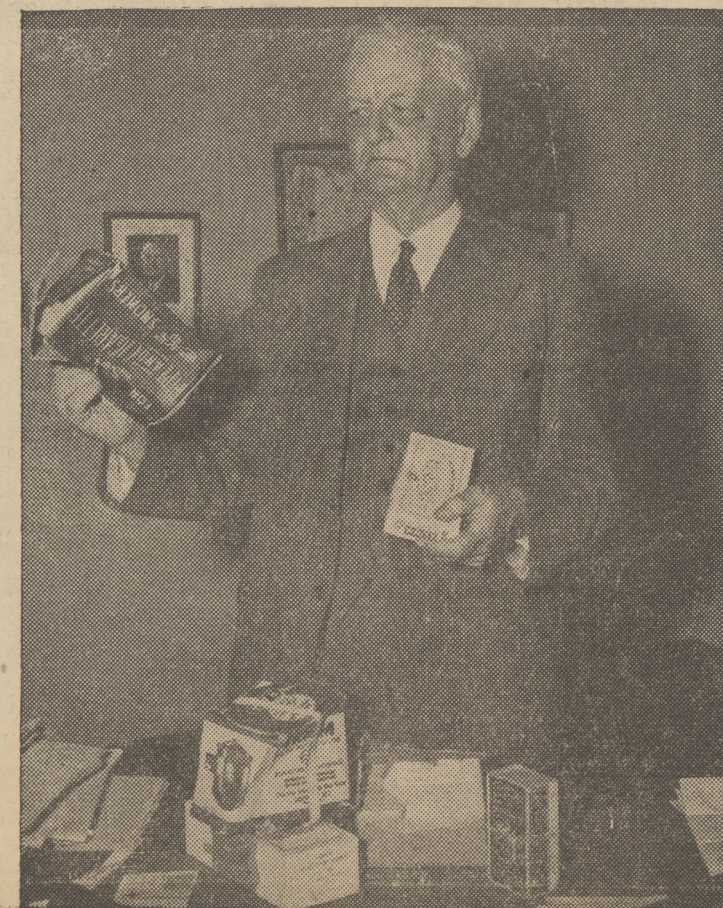
Over the Top



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The first in Milwaukee to ring the bell in the 7th War Loan was Local 47, Int. Fur and Leather Workers, CIO. In a joint drive with management, workers purchased \$50,000 worth of bonds — 115% of their assigned quota. Member Marie Fellowski chalks it up as labor and management smile.

Prosecutes War Criminals



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Harsh policies in prosecution of war criminals are promised by Associate Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson, who is chief of counsel for the U. S. in the war trials.