











APL Meets the Challenge

The Labor Party's 410,000 votes in the New York State campaign has been acclaimed by its leaders and by political commentators as its first "real" victory. The facts more than bear out this assertion. Since 1936, the year it was organized, the ALP has scored several notable successes. It helped twice to elect Mayor LaGuardia in New York; it actually elected Governor Lehman in 1938, and it carried the New Deal banner aloft in every campaign. But in all these campaigns the ALP functioned largely as an endorser of other tickets. It took its candidates from other tickets or rejected them as they measured up to or fell short of its standards and policies.

THE MARCH OF LABOR

Cartoon illustration titled 'THE MARCH OF LABOR'. It depicts a man in a suit holding a sign that reads 'FREEDOM HAS A THOUSAND CHARMS TO SHOW, THAT SLAVES, HOWEVER CONTENTED, NEVER KNOW.' Below him, a man in overalls is being led by a man in a suit. A sign reads 'A NEW LAW IN NEW YORK MAKES PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES LIABLE TO FINE OR IMPRISONMENT FOR REFUSING TO EMPLOY A JOB APPLICANT ON ACCOUNT OF RACE, COLOR, OR RELIGION.' Another sign says 'UNION-BUILT HOMES NOW CARRY THE A.F. OF L. UNION LABEL!'. A third sign says 'A GOOD UNION MAN WEARS A GOOD HAT - A UNION HAT! LOOK FOR THIS LABEL.' There is a small logo for 'BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS' and a reference to 'WILLIAM COWPER ENGLISH POET - 1731-1800'.

"BEST BACKING COMES FROM LABOR"

Secretary Morgenthau Says: Workers Have Better Understanding of War Needs Than Any Other Group. Press conferences by Federal officials are regular occurrence in Washington, but Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau set a precedent by holding one exclusively with representatives of the labor press. They turned out in force. He invited them in, he said, because he wanted personally to know the men and women who write for labor, and to give them the background of the Treasury's tax and war bond programs.

Liberal Editors Warn Old Parties

Reactionary Policies Will Be Fatal in 1944, Says Des Moines "Register"; Daniels Talks to Democrats. In the heart of the Corn Belt, the Des Moines "Register," stridently but sanely Republican, prints an editorial headed, "Not a Mandate for Reaction." It reads, in part: "Hardly had the election figures come in when several members of the Senate and House introduced antilabor bills. The three that bobbed up first involved two Democrats and one Republican.

Is Adolf Afraid?

If Josef Goebels knows the art of propaganda as well as he is supposed to, he must surely be longing to clamp a censor's hand over the mouth of his Fuhrer. After all, this is no time for the victorious leader of a "Herrenvolk to lose his nerve and dwell darkly on the fate of the late Kaiser. What can the master race think when, with the first strong gusts of adversity, their demigod tells them that "even in critical times" he won't "go abroad" like his royal predecessor? In the same speech there is the cozy reference to Stalingrad suddenly "not worth a second Verdun."

Freedom and Security

Labor as well as other groups of citizens is responding to the call for service with the realization that personal interests and welfare must be subordinated to national interests and welfare. The will to serve will be strongest and surest when individuals are not haunted by fears for security. So long as there is a job and the worker and his family are well, he is not actively worried by small earnings and smaller savings. But those with the least imagination know that food and fuel shortages threaten health equally with long hours under strain, and that after the war our whole military organization must be converted to peacetime needs.

Catch UP with the Doctors

The miracles now being wrought in saving the lives of wounded soldiers are but an extension of the miracles which advancing medical science had already achieved in peacetime. But they are still stupendous. Rear Adm. Ross T. McIntire reported in a Chicago speech last week that abdominal wounds, which were fatal to eight out of ten men in the last war, have killed only one out of 20 Americans in this one.

POST OFFICE NEEDS HELP

The Chicago Post Office faced with a critical shortage of man-power is seeking to secure the temporary services of hundreds of men and high school boys, 16 years of age or older, during the coming pre-Christmas Season. This need for additional personnel is occasioned by the fact that approximately 10% of our regular employees are now serving in the armed forces of the United States, and we are faced with the task of handling what present trends indicate will be the largest Christmas mailing in many years.

REFLECTIONS

By the Editor of the Reading Labor Advocate

Little people who believe that the end of the war will see the beginning of a brave new world in which human decency, freedom and justice will reign must have been bewildered if they give careful attention to a recent statement by Winston Churchill. For what Mr. Churchill said is neither in line with the hopes of real democrats nor with the high ideals voiced by Wendell Willkie.

Russian Power

Commenting on the allocation of the eight billion a year lend-lease subsidy to our allies of the United Nations, the trade magazine "Steel" notes that about 35 per cent of this help has been going to Great Britain, 25 per cent to Russia and 30 per cent to the Middle East, and makes an interesting observation that bears upon the relative effectiveness of that aid in terms of immediate striking power against Hitler. It recalls that: "Of all the United Nations, the only one that was prepared for this war was Russia, Russia as a result of her industrialization program had developed a highly efficient 'screening' system under which industry was permitted to have only what was essential and urgent. All the others, including the United States, had to start almost from the ground up."

What They Say --

President Roosevelt: "The Nazis of today—and their appropriate associates, the Japanese—have attempted to drive history into reverse, to use all the mechanics of modern civilization to drive humanity back to conditions of prehistoric savagery. They sought to conquer the world, and for a time they seemed to be realizing their boundless ambition. They overran great territories. They enslaved—they killed. But today we know and they know that they have conquered nothing. Today they face inevitable, final defeat."

democracy in the treatment of the sexes. The ferment in the world today is such that these various types of democracy must be woven together into a harmonious whole. Millions of Americans are now coming to see that if Pan America and the British Commonwealth are the warp of the new democracy, then the peoples of Russia and Asia may well become its woof.

Beat Hitler, Stop Fighting Labor, I. A. M. Tells Canadian Premier

OTTAWA, Can. — "The job is to beat Hitler, not to lick labor, Mr. King!" That's the heading of a half-page advertisement inserted in Montreal newspapers by Aircraft Lodge No. 712 of the Machinists. Under the striking headline is an "open letter" to Premier Mackenzie King. It is signed by all the officers of the lodge.

Inform Yourselves About the Struggle of the Slovenes

Yes, every American born Slovene should read the article "The Big Little Mistake," reprinted from the Magazine "The New Europe," written by a Slovene, K. Z. Kovac. It explains to you the importance of the Slovenes, homeland of your parents, for the worlds permanent peace, especially for peace in Europe. By reading this article, you will better understand present war and the last world war. It does not cost you anything. Just send a 3c stamp for every copy you order for postage to Rev. K. Zakrajsek, 1400 Quincy St. N.E., Washington, D. C., and you will get it. Read it then, give it to your American friends. They will read it with interest. Send a copy to your Senator, Congressman, Mayor, to every Editor of the local papers. They ought to read it. We don't want no more wars! Well, give justice to little Slovenia too. In last world war they did not. They made a "Big little mistake." — K. Z.

Huge Copper Hoardings Uncovered by W. P. B.

More than 200,000,000 pounds of hoarded copper has been uncovered and ordered into war production, the War Production Board revealed in November.

\$414,026 Unpaid Wages Collected in California. SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Collection of \$47,568 in unpaid wages during September for California workers was announced by State Labor Commissioner Carrasco. For the first nine months of 1942 wages recovered amounted to \$414,026.

Advertisement for U.S. War Bonds and Stamps. It features a cartoon character holding a sign that says '10%'. Below the sign, it says 'Ten Per Cent OF YOUR INCOME should be going into U.S. War Bonds and Stamps'. At the bottom, it says 'U. S. Treasury Department'.

when spoken by a member of the owning class, has meant the resources which working people must use in order to live—and also the working people themselves. "Our own" means the vested right to take what others make. And that, regardless of what machinery may be set up to implement the process of legalized robbery, is what the owning classes of all nations are thinking about now and will continue to think about while they live. So long as the possession of title deeds and stock certificates is recognized as a claim upon the products of human labor, whatever changes in human relations may follow the war will be superficial, hollow and something other than freedom. For private profits and class privilege based upon ownership are not the signposts to freedom but to a new tyranny which, presumably, might be accompanied by greater securities but which, nevertheless, will preserve all the essentials of slavery. If only one decisive military victory on the farflung battlefield makes Winston Churchill feel so cocky that he speaks now of holding his own and preserving empire, the common people of all capitalist nations have little reason to believe that a final knock-out victory will find the parasitic rulers of any nation in a mood to surrender the privilege of resuming the business of human exploitation either at home or abroad. And so I speak to the workers of all lands when I say that— After this war, just like before and during the war, the common people of all nations will have the degree and quality of liberty and justice that fits with the economy of the times. If the private-ownership-for-private-profit economy survives the war, then workers MUST be regimented and exploited. The word "MUST" is emphasized because that is the only way in which a private-profit, class economy can possibly function. Today we are hearing fair words about a new and better order after the war is won. But winning the war is not enough to guarantee liberty and brotherhood and justice. To achieve those social virtues we must provide a base upon which they can stand. And we can't depend upon masters who own the world and exploit its people—and who are frankly determined to "hold their own"—to do the job. COST RISES The cost of living rose faster in Oakland, Calif., from August to September than in any other of the 70 principal cities surveyed by the Conference Board. It went up 2.1% there. San Francisco and Erie, Pa., had the largest increase in the last 12 months, 12.3%. Hal: "Do you think the senator puts enough fire into his speech?" Cal: "My opinion is he did not put enough of his speech into the fire."