











High Salaries -- Our Annual Editorial

Each year about this time, when the salaries of high-priced corporation executives are published, we make our comment and the world moves on. So it is that, picking out a few cases at random, we call attention to the fact, that Mr. Donald M. Nelson, who now serves his country as head of the OFM for \$15,000 per year was paid \$66,232 for services to the Sears, Roebuck Co. during the year 1941. Also that Frank Knox, who receives a relatively low salary for being Secretary of the Navy in time of a great national crisis, received \$60,000 for "serving" as director and president of the Chicago Daily News.

THE MARCH OF LABOR



MINERS GETS LEWIS' OK ON INCREASED SUPPORT OF WAR

U. M. W. President Urges Call For Greater Aid And Sacrifice For Victory. WASHINGTON. — Calling upon its 600,000 members to produce more coal and buy more bonds, the international policy committee of the United Mine Workers June 3 threw the full weight of the organization behind "our commander-in-chief, President Franklin D. Roosevelt." The resolution was unanimously adopted following a speech by UMW Pres. John L. Lewis declaring his desire to "contribute anything that I have to contribute, that might be helpful or will be acceptable" to achieve the triumph of the U. S., the British empire and the associated nations.

How's Your Morale?

There are various thermometers. Thermometers that register your fever, or measure the summer heat and the winter cold, or tell the fancy cook that the roast is done. Last week we heard of a new one. It's a "morale thermometer." Don't laugh, this is serious. If you don't believe us, ask three University of Ohio psychologists. They're the inventors who had the brain wave. They're trying to develop this vital gauge. What's more, the "morale thermometer" projects has the sanction of the federal government.

"Freedom Is Again on the March"

The most significant statements concerning the kind of peace the world must have after the war is won are emanating from Vice President Wallace. In an unheralded address a month ago, he declared the present conflict is but a continuation of our American Revolution 150 years ago. In a speech at New York recently he declared that "the people's revolution is on the march and the devil and all his agents cannot prevail against it."

International Action

American labor's desire to cooperate closely with labor in other countries, and its appreciation that there must be the utmost solidarity between the people of all the United Nations to assure victory, was demonstrated repeatedly at the United Steelworkers' convention. President Philip Murray told of the visit of Sir Walter Citrine of the British Trades Union Congress to establish closer ties between American labor and the unions of the other United Nations. He indicated that the British labor leader would meet shortly with the officers of the CIO on this subject.

The "Right to Work"

By Max Zaritsky, President, United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union.

"The worker's right to seek and hold a job"—what a beautiful phrase that is! And where was this precious right when this firm and others like it threw millions of workers on the scrap heap? What happened to this right in Hoover's day when millions upon millions were forced to beggary and the bread line? And why was this right so little respected by the steel trust when it blacklisted and hounded workers out of its plants if they were suspected of having joined the union?

CIO WAREFARE MAY DRIVE LEWIS TO AFL; UMW REVOLT GROWS

By MURRAY EVERETT. Guerrilla warfare between John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers and Phil Murray with the remainder of CIO lining up behind him, broke out recently, prefaced, as are all modern military engagements, by a propaganda bombardment. Bitterly attacking his quondam chief for thirty years, Murray accused Lewis of seeking to disrupt national unity and of having opposed national defense; Lewis countered with a flat denial. Observers see that if Murray can make the charge stick, and he has a favorable press behind him, it is likely that a good-sized revolt can be started within the United Mine Workers. It would also effectively stymie any move Lewis might make to withdraw from CIO and affiliate with the AFL, a move that many observers claim is Lewis' intention.

THE "COMMUNISTS" IN GOVERNMENT JOBS

In the lexicon of the FBI and the Civil Service Commission—the lexicon seems to be Mrs. Dilling's "Red Network"—a Communist is anyone who ever happened to take the side, on any issue, as the Communist Party. PM estimates that as a result some two hundred liberals have been dismissed from government jobs for such crimes as supporting the Loyalist government in Spain civil war, advocating collective security, or criticizing the Dies Committee. On the other hand, we have never heard of an investigator who was at all interested in finding out whether or not a given candidate had fascist leanings. PM has also been printing some of the outrageous and often illegal questions put to prospective or incumbent government employees. They include not only queries as to political opinions and religious beliefs, but insulting questions, amounting to insinuations, about matters personal and private. As Elmer Davis said in an excellent broadcast on the subject a few weeks ago, the investigators sent out by the FBI and the Civil Service seem to be ignorant and naive rather than vicious; but the persistent red-baiting pattern of the investigations and the consistency with which only liberals are fired give strong color to the suspicion that officials higher up in both agencies are neither ignorant nor naive. It is time we discovered who is responsible for the idiotic and dangerous procedure by which men and women appointed to government jobs because they are known anti-fascists are forthwith dismissed — for the same reason.—The Nation.

Among the Frogs

Frogs may look alike to you, but they don't to other frogs. Southern leopard frogs, according to Gus Mager in Popular Science Monthly, are so snooty that they refuse to mate with ordinary leopard frogs even though they live in the same pool!

WHAT THEY SAY?

Vice President Henry A. Wallace: "In the United States there is an even greater mixture of customs and cultures than in most of the countries of Latin America. English in language, we are not British in blood or customs. We have too many Irish, Germans, French, Jews, Italians, Greek and Poles for that. South America is not Spanish and North America is not English. "Both together represent the greater America — Pan America — made for the most part out of the Old World, but essentially new, with a hope in the future based on pride of strength and joy in liberty and, through it all, humility and tolerance. "We appreciate what has come to us from the steadfast British, the light-hearted Irish, the industrious German, the thrifty Frenchman, and all the rest, just as in Latin America there is the greatest admiration for the long-suffering patience of the Indian, the fiery pride of the Spaniards, the happy good nature of the Portuguese, and the artistic feeling of the Italians. Yes, we appreciate all that has come to us out of the past, but we insist that it be transformed into a greater hope for the future, into something which Europe and Africa and Asia will welcome as their brightest hope in the time to come."

your own ideas, and the intelligence and the humor and the freedom to express them. Every one of you has an individual mission in this war—this greatest and most decisive of all wars. You are not only fighting for your country and your people—you are, in the larger sense, delegates of freedom. "Upon you, and upon your comrades in arms of all the United Nations, depend the lives and liberties of all the human race. You bear with you the hopes of all the millions who have suffered under the oppression of the war lords of Germany and Japan. You bear with you the highest aspirations of mankind for a life of peace and decency under God. All of you know your own personal stakes in this war: your homes, your families, your free schools, your free churches, the thousand and one simple homely little virtues which Americans fought to establish, and which Americans have fought to protect, and which Americans today are fighting to extend and perpetuate throughout this earth." Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board: "For the first time in the history of the human race there can be enough of everything to go round. Poverty is not inevitable any more. The sum total of the world's greatest possible output of goods, divided by the sum total of the world's inhabitants, no longer means a little less than enough for everybody. It means more than enough. The possibilities in that simple statement are beyond calculation, and what we are fighting for is the right to turn some of those possibilities into realities." Ideals are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands, but like the seafaring man on the desert of water, you choose them as your guides, and, following them, you rich your destiny.—Carl Schurz.

SALES TAX WHOLLY UNJUST

Senator Robert M. La Follette, who never indulges in the practice of mincing words in his continual fights for the poor and downtrodden, recently declared: "Enactment of a general sales tax in connection with the pending revenue legislation would be a social and economic calamity. "No other major tax is more vicious in its degrading effect on society. It has no place, either in peacetime or in war, in an equitable system of taxation based on ability to pay. In effect, it is a monstrous abuse of the governmental power of taxation." Senator La Follette also revealed that on a percentage-of-income basis, the tax burden would be almost four times as great on incomes under \$2,000, as compared with incomes over \$10,000. The small-salaried worker spends practically everything he makes to keep himself and family in food and clothing, consequently a sales tax is a levy on every dollar he earns. Only a portion of the salary of those with big incomes is touched by a sales tax. Thus it readily can be seen how unfairly a sales tax operates. No one objects to paying his just share of taxes, but a sales tax by no stretch of the imagination is a just method of taxation, for its exacts from rich and poor alike the same amount, with the poor man consequently paying a greater proportion

of his income. As we have said before, the only just method of taxation is to tax according to ability to pay, and that doesn't mean taxing the incomes of those who make ten dollars a week, as has been proposed in Congress.—The Progressive Miner.

NOTE TO MR. LEWIS

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I NEED YOUR HELP!

WHAT TO DO. Co-operate in war regulations made by the authorities. Invest in defense Bonds and Stamps. Support the Red Cross. Work at your job—whatever you do—with your mind set on one aim: To Help Your Country to Win!



Remarks of the Editor of the Worker's Journal: The saddest part of those historical events is that the Social-Democrat Elbert, at that time President of Germany, was actually defeated by the Communist votes against him and Hindenburg elected as President. The split within labor (Social-Democrats and Communists), who dominated the trades union movement in Germany and Austria, made Hitler's bloody career of destruction and despotic suppression of all human liberty possible.—READ and PONDER!