











The Supreme Sacrifice

The California State Federation of Labor has a list of 1,142 building trades men who were captured at Wake and Guam.

These red-blooded American Federation of Labor members laid down their tools to defend American territory when the Japs struck.

The seamen are another group of gallant workers. Their daily work takes them into combat zones.

Members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters rode the Burma Road under Japanese bombs and are now helping to transport vital supplies to China by other routes.

These men all would tell you quietly that they are merely doing their duty, but there is nothing so important to our country in this hour of emergency than the will of every individual to do his duty.

HURRY UP

It is high time the federal authorities were freezing prices also. They talk a plenty but do little.

When great numbers of people have to cut down on the use of such foods as potatoes, butter, honey, etc., on account of the high prices, it is a grave misfortune.

This kind of things depletes the health of the people. The administration purports to want to promote the public health.

Also, the administration wants the public to buy as many war bonds as possible—and so do we. But how can the millions of poor people buy as many war bonds as they would like to buy when they have to pay outrageous prices for the necessities of life?

Carpathian Russians

The delegates of two national organizations of Carpathian Russians in America, the American Carpathian-Russian Council and the Carpathian-Russian Unity met in Pittsburgh recently and agreed upon the following aims, purposes and objectives:

- 1. The preservation of our glorious country, the United States of America, and its truly democratic constitution, for all time to come.
2. The complete victory of America, England, Russia, China and their brave loyal Allies over the ruthless Axis powers, Germany, Italy, Japan, Hungary and Rumania.
3. The liberation of Czechoslovakia, Poland, Yugoslavia, Greece, Belgium and the other subjugated nations from tyranny.
4. The liberation of Carpathian-Russia from the brutal enforced occupation of the Hungarians (Magyars), and its reunion as an autonomous self-governing state under the St. Germain-Lay Treaty with Czechoslovakia.
5. The establishment of an early peace, a peace which, in the language of the Atlantic Charter, "will afford to all nations the means of dwelling in safety within their own boundaries and which will afford assurance that all the men in all the lands may live out their lives in freedom from fear and want."
6. The coordination of the activities of the one-half million (500,000) Americans of Carpathian-Russian lineage, regardless of religious persuasion or station in life, in behalf of our common objectives.
Dr. Gregory Zatkovich of Pittsburgh was the spokesman for the American Carpathian-Russian Council and Rev. Ivan Ladizinski of Gary, Indiana, for the Carpathian-Russian Unity.

TAX PROBLEMS

A war tax program based upon the principle that each group in the population must bear its fair share of the tax burden has been sent to Congress by the American Federation of Labor.

PROFITS ARE CLIMBING

According to the latest Department of Commerce report, the earnings of corporations after taxes in 1941 increased to \$7,200,000,000.

DO IT EVERY PAY DAY!



WHOM DIES IS SERVING AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE?

Congressman Martin Dies (Dem., Texas), chairman of the special House committee investigating subversive activities, was again the storm-center of a bitter controversy.

Vice President Henry A. Wallace started the ball rolling by accusing the Texan of attempting to raise "doubt and anger" in the public mind which "might as well come from the statements of Goebbels himself."

The mild-mannered Wallace had been aroused by a statement released to the press by Dies charging that 35 members of the Economic Warfare Board, which the Vice President heads, have former Communist Front affiliations.

Modern warfare cannot be fought and won without an economic board. Realizing that, Hitler built up such an agency and it is undoubtedly responsible for much of his success.

Picked for Expert Knowledge

Members of our board were picked not because of their social or economic views, but because they are outstanding experts on questions which require the board's constant attention.

Reckless attempts to ridicule or discredit that kind of an agency is certainly "playing with dynamite," but Dies, anxious to get another appropriation, didn't hesitate.

Congressman Jerry Voorhis (Dem., Calif.), a member of the Dies committee, said the committee had not passed on Dies statement and had not even been requested to authorize its publication.

If Dies were on Hitler's payroll, Wallace declared, the Texan could not render more effective service to the Axis cause.

That the President fully concurred in that grave allegation was evidenced by the White House disclosure that Nazi propagandists attempted to make capital of Dies' statement by rebroadcasting it from Berlin, Rome and Vichy short-wave stations.

Tries to Undermine Morale

"If we were at peace," the Vice President added, "these tactics (undermining the nation's morale) could be overlooked as the product of a witchcraft mind. We are not at peace, however. We are at war."

"These are the most critical times in our history. It is the solemn duty of all patriotic citizens to fight the enemy within our gates who masquerades under many cloaks, the most insidious of which is a false patriotism."

"We Americans must face the ugly truth. Any man who seeks to undermine faith in our government by a malicious misuse of facts is a greater danger to our national safety than thousands of Axis soldiers within our borders. Hitler and the Japs know that better than anyone else."

"I trust that Mr. Dies and others of his kind, with an intense itch for publicity, will use their talents to help the United Nations win the war, rather than stir up discord among patriotic Americans."

At his home in Texas, where he has been vacationing for some time, Dies attempted to laugh off Wallace's scathing denunciation when the statement:

"The Vice President can't take it."

But Dies' colleagues on Capitol Hill agree that such a riposture from the Vice President is too serious to be laughed off.—Labor, Washington.

DAILY PRESS SPELLS IT "PAY-TRITISM"

If Uncle Sam desires the help of many of the nation's newspapers in selling defense bonds and stamps, the old gentleman will have to pay for it—at regular advertising rates.

On January 3, less than four weeks after Pearl Harbor, "Editor and Publisher," the Bible of the "Lords of the Press," demanded that newspapers be paid for cooperating in the war bond drive.

Publishers' associations and trade publications are telling the government that the British government is today the biggest advertiser in the English press, accounting for 17 per cent of its total advertising.

A similar proportion of 1941 advertising in this country would mean our government would pay over to the newspapers a subsidy of at least \$340,000,000 a year.

This would be in addition to a subsidy of \$90,000,000 the newspapers are already getting in special mail privileges, not to mention other favors, including valuable tariff concessions.

Radio broadcasting chains have given of their time. The labor press is also generously supporting the campaign.

Bit with the commercial press it is a different story. Publishers take the position that their patriotism ends at their advertising columns!—Labor.

aiding morale

Congress could serve morale mightily and redeem itself for past mistakes if it would get to work and adopt a just tax bill that would put an end to profiteering as usual and the many loopholes which Secretary Morgenthau estimates allow evasions of as much as \$1,000,000,000 (billion) a year by upper bracketeers.

Another little thing that Congress could do to demonstrate to the world that the United States really believes in democracy would be to end the vicious poll tax laws which deprive 10,000,000 Americans of the right to vote.

Three things too much and three too little are pernicious to man: To speak much and know little; to spend much and have little; to presume much and be worth little.—Cervantes.

The Daily Press

Recently a bitter campaign of malicious propaganda to poison the public's mind against organized labor has been carried on by the subsidized press which is composed of reactionary daily newspapers controlled, through ownership and advertising, by exploiting profiteers and union-busters.

By peddling falsehoods about labor the subsidized press is creating factionalism, disunity and class hatred. If Hitler were not so busy running away from a victorious Russian army he should take time to pin medals on the editors and columnists who are misleading the public.

Let's support the labor press and not the kept press. Let's subscribe to the newspapers that are printing the facts about what labor is doing.

—I. M. Ornburn.

FIRST LADY HITS "FALSE PATRIOTISM"

Mrs. Roosevelt bade farewell to her radio audience the other night. She is always at her best when she is discussing "human values."

"Unless our soldiers come back to a country where they feel their interests have been safeguarded, and that they have full opportunity to build their normal lives, we must face the probability that we will have a dangerous group in our midst," she said.

"I am sure labor and management, as a whole, are ready to match sacrifices with the youth of the armed forces by working such hours as will give us the greatest production, by limiting pay when the cost of living is stabilized and when profits are controlled."

"These things must be done, but neither the men in the armed forces nor the men and women here at home must forget that the machinery by which labor can bargain with the employer was won by the combined efforts of men of good will in both labor and management, but the sacrifices and the main fight have been made by organized labor."

"This fight has benefited labor as a whole, because unorganized labor is better paid when organized labor obtains better pay and more desirable working conditions."

"It will mean more security in peace time occupations to those who return from the war as well as those who have worked to the limit of their ability during the war, if this machinery is not destroyed under the guise of a false patriotism."—Labor.

Ukrainians Persecuted

The prominent Ukrainian writer, Alexander Korneichuk, asserted in Ixestia that Hitler had removed 400,000 peasants from Kiev, Volyn and Podolsk provinces to Germany for forced labor.

Hans von Kaltenborn, Propagandist

To the radio audience he is known as H. V. Kaltenborn, but "Who's Who" says his real name is Hans von Kaltenborn. Those who know anything about Germany will recognize the significance of this change.

Hans continues to broadcast fear and hate, and the men and women who are producing the weapons which will eventually overthrow totalitarianism are the special targets of his venomous assaults.

Does he feel that as Hans von Kaltenborn he would not be so effective? We don't know.

We do know he is seeking to divide Americans at a time when unity is vitally necessary. President Roosevelt has condemned performances of that kind, Hitler undoubtedly fully approves Hans' conduct.

Certainly, Hans von Kaltenborn is playing Hitler's game. We do not say he is on Hitler's payroll. We are not in a position to trace the connections of radio commentators. We leave that to the agencies of government which are charged with the duty of safeguarding our country's safety.

But we have a right to ask why Hans von Kaltenborn has felt it necessary to suppress a part of the name which his parents bestowed on him. — Labor, Washington, D. C., April 14, 1942.

Let's Prepare to Swat The Foes of Labor

The time has come when trade unionists from one end of America to the other must get "fighting mad"!

A lot of "sweatshop" bosses, corrupt newspaper columnists and cheap politicians have been kicking them around for months. The workers have not retaliated—they have been too busy doing the things which must be done if this war is to be won.

However, patience is not always a virtue. A pious old bishop once said: "Of course, I believe in turning the other cheek, but there is nothing in the Bible which suggests that one should turn his cheek more than once. The man who slaps me a second time is inviting trouble!"

Trade unionists must follow the old bishop's advice. They have put up with enough slapping! Of course, nothing should be done which will interfere with the nation's war effort. In the production of everything needed for "all-out" war, the workers must continue to smash all records.

But there will be plenty of time left to take care of those who have been lying about trade unionism and who have been clamoring that the workers must be deprived of every gain they have made during the last half century. — Labor.

A Case for Standard Oil

We were jarred to learn that there are Americans who still have a kind word for the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

That is the big business corporation, it will be recalled, which was lamed last week for withholding from this nation patents for synthetic rubber—patents which have been available to Hitler all the time under an agreement between Standard and Nazi-land.

Well, there is another side. And it is the capitalist side—the side of the system of "free" enterprise, the system of production for private profit instead of public welfare which most Americans have sanctioned with their ballots.

"What will you expect a corporation to do?" we were asked. "How else could an inventor be protected if there were not international agreements? What would prevent the scientists of one nation from infringing upon the patents of inventors in another nation if there were no mutual agreements to protect the business of both nations?"

We confess we were without an answer at the moment. And we are still helpless if we consider the matter from the viewpoint of private enterprise for private profit. Surely, if dividends and takeoffs are to be the incentive for human activity, Standard Oil has been unjustly condemned. For in honoring its agreements with Hitler it was both looking after its own interests and maintaining a principle upon which the worldwide capitalist economy operates.

However, Socialists don't recognize the principle upon which Standard Oil can be justified. To be sure, we are internationalists—just as capitalism has been international at all times. But we are for an international of peoples, not of special interests. We believe that the product of science and invention should be made the property of all mankind just as soon as they are developed. And we believe the added welfare they make possible should be shared by all people instead of withheld for sale and profit.

Had our ideas of internationalism been accepted there would have been no world war. For upon the Socialist idea must be based the new world of brotherhood which democrats and christians advocate with words but reject by action.—Reading Labor Advocate.

Co-ops Set Up An International Committee For Reconstruction

New York—Formation of an International Committee for Cooperative Reconstruction, designed to assist in the reconstruction of cooperatives in war-torn countries after the war and to encourage the use of cooperative methods in general post-war reconstruction was announced here recently by the Cooperative League of U. S. A.

Composed of a group of executives of cooperatives now in exile in America from occupied European countries, a number of American cooperative leaders, several noted economists and public figures, and of representatives of many non-European lands, the Committee will work out plans for the reconstruction of European cooperatives and will serve as a clearing-house of information from occupied countries. It will also encourage government and other agencies to make cooperatives an important part of all programs for democratic reconstruction. Short-wave broadcasts will be prepared for sending to occupied countries. —World-over Press.

HAPPINESS

How much happiness can any honest and kind-hearted American enjoy during the next 12 months?

If happiness consists in being safe while others are in danger, and in being comfortable while others sweat and suffer, we as a nation have lost it for the duration.

The happiness for which we have a right to wish today is not the absence of discomfort, danger and sorrow. We may live hard and dangerously, and even sorrowfully, and still have a kind of happiness. For the true happiness is a positive thing. It is courage. It is faith. Faith that the good in life outweighs and always will outweigh the evil. Faith in humanity, in human rights, in human goodness. Only those who have a hope and vision of happiness for all humanity can have it for themselves. — New York Times.

The only Nobel prize for literature ever awarded to an American woman was given in 1938 to Pearl Buck for "The Good Earth," a novel of foreign background and characters.

NO—REALLY?

In Chicago, Mrs. John Alden Carpenter, wife of the composer, sat gazing into space. Her job as head of the women's division of the defense savings department awed her. Said she: "We are in the process of organizing and we are simply going to sell millions of bonds when we get started. I'm sure you realize that even the upper classes cannot do all the work. A street car conductor's wife is sometimes as smart as a woman of my position."—From Time Magazine.

Should Have Been In Politics!

A rich nobleman sought to engage William Hogarth, the great English painter and pictorial satirist, to paint in his staircase the scene of the Passage of the Red Sea. Hogarth was unable to obtain the contract price which he knew such a task was worth, and had to undertake the work according to the hard bargain which his customer insisted upon.

In a remarkable short time after setting up his scaffold, Hogarth summoned the nobleman and told him the work was completed. Surprised at this early announcement, his riddish went to examine the picture, and was much surprised to find the space painted a solid red.

"What have you here?" he exclaimed in dismay. "I ordered a scene of the Red Sea."

"The Red Sea you have," said the artist coolly. "But where are the Israelites?" "They are all gone over." "And the Egyptians?" "Why the Egyptians—they are all drowned."—Christian Science Monitor.

EVEN STEVEN

Two casual golf acquaintances were walking toward the green when they sighted two women coming over a hill.

"I say," remarked one of the men, "here comes my wife with some old hag she's picked up somewhere." "And here comes mine with another," retorted the other, icily.

TRUE ENOUGH

A lady asked the astronomer if the moon was inhabited. "Madam," he replied, "I know of one moon in which there is always a man and a woman." "Which is that?" "The honeymoon."