











The Housing Problem

One of the important elements for a decent existence and happiness of human beings is shelter, and yet one third of the nation's families live in homes below a minimum standard of health, decency, and safety.

SLUMS

Slums and substandard homes are very costly to society, to government, and to owners of property. Slums contribute heavily towards breeding disease, crime, and social ills.

HISTORY OF PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAM

Public housing is relatively new in America, though other countries have had public housing for a number of years. Public housing began in America as a demonstration and emergency employment measure under the Public Works Administration in 1933.

SLUM CLEARANCE

Public housing projects must eliminate substandard housing as well as provide decent homes for low income families. Under law, the Housing Authority may build housing projects either on slum or vacant sites.

TENANTS

Tenants in public housing projects must be families in the low income group who live in substandard homes and who cannot afford to pay private enterprise for decent homes.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Families living in the projects have the same rights and privileges as in any private residence. For the families directly benefited as well as those of the outside community, housing means more than just a clean, decent, modern home.

Truck Committee Recommends 40 Cents Minimum

Establishment of a 40-cents-an-hour minimum wage in interstate truck transportation was recommended in a report filed today with General Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, by the Property Motor Carrier Industry Committee.

Strikes Hit Lowest Point in 12 Months

WASHINGTON, D. C. — This is bad news for anti-labor propagandists. Reports issued by 3 government agencies—the army, navy and U. S. Conciliation Service—showed strikes at plants producing defense materials at the lowest point in 12 months.

8 UNION BOYS OUT ON PAROLE

After serving eight months of their one-year sentence, the eight Union Theological Seminary students who were sent to federal prison in Danbury, Conn., for refusing to register for the draft were released under parole recently.

Postal Employees Seek Higher Salary Rates

Two unions of postal employees affiliated with the American Federation of Labor—the National Federation of Post Office Clerks and the National Association of Letter Carriers—went on record at their conventions for wage increases.

America Will Win Production War Against Axis

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—America will win the war of production against the Axis powers, President William Green of the American Federation of Labor flatly predicted in an address before the American Legion convention here.

A Hard and Heroic Age

"It's a terrible world," people keep saying. They are thinking back to 1927 or 1913. In those days you could earn your pay and go to a ball game. There was no Hitler to worry about. Democracy was O. K. At least Lincoln said it was, and he should know.

VIVE LA FRANCE!

"France," writes the Paris newspaper L'Oeuvre, "is becoming one of the battlefields where the forces of the New Order confront those of destruction." This is a significant admission in a Nazi-controlled organ.

JOINT AFL-CIO MEETING PROPOSED

BRIDGEPORT. — Peace between the AFL and CIO in Connecticut was asked in a resolution introduced by the New Haven local of the Cigar-makers' International Union on September 3 at the 56th annual convention of the Connecticut Federation of Labor.

GREEN PRAISES NORWAY LABOR

WASHINGTON, D. C. — William Green, president of the Amer. Federation of Labor, declared that the resistance of Norwegian workers against Nazi occupation "constitutes one of the most heroic chapters of trade union history."

HUNGRY MEXICANS STRIKE

MEXICO CITY. — At least six major strikes have recently broken, are currently being fought or are announced for the near future in Mexico.

Ford Photo-History

Story of the auto workers' triumphant campaign against Fordism—biggest victory for organized labor this year—is now in writing and pictures (mostly pictures) for all to see. The United Automobile Workers union has just issued a photo-history booklet entitled "V-8 VICTORY!"

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AFL HAS 4,569,056 MEMBERS

The total dues-paid membership in the American Federation of Labor at the end of its fiscal year, Aug. 31, 1941, was 4,569,056 — the highest figure in A. F. of L. history—according to the announcement made by Secretary-Treasurer George Meany last week.

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Belgians Must Give Up Arms

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Czechs Save Gun Plans

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LIMITATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN UNDER 16

With the Fall term of school started, warning was issued last week by Thomas O'Malley, Regional Director, Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, that full-time employment of children under the age of 16 during school periods is contrary to the child labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

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SAFETY SLANTS

How Times Have Changed! Last year, traffic accidents accounted for 34,000 deaths, or one-third of the nation's accidental fatalities. In 1913, traffic deaths were only 5 per cent of the total number of accidental fatalities, the Illinois Automobile Club reports.

The wet leaf, when on pavement, is the banana peel of traffic. How much are traffic accidents hindering the defense program? If ever you have asked yourself this question, the following is illustrative: Labor lost by workers killed and injured in traffic alone during the first seven months of this year could build 20,000 fighter planes, or 50,000 light tanks, or twelve battleships, a study by the Illinois Automobile Club reveals.

Safety pays with school days. Famous Last Words: "I'll have my brakes fixed tomorrow!" To protect kids Avoid Skids.

FOOD PRICES

As the family pocketbook groans when it pays the bill for cabbage, pork chops, oranges and other food for the family, the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics announced this week that food prices paid by moderate-income families are now 15 per cent higher than at the outbreak of the war in 1939.

HEH, HEH!

"You say your sister makes up jokes; then she's a humorist?" "No, she works in a beauty parlor."

DEFINED

A hick is a person who looks both ways before crossing a one-way street. A city man is one who doesn't look at all.

A GOOD FAMILY

The father of success is work. The mother of success is ambition. The eldest son is common sense. Some of the other boys are: Persistence, honesty, thoroughness, Foresight, enthusiasm, cooperation. The eldest daughter is character. Some of her sisters are: Cheerfulness, loyalty, courtesy, Care, sincerity, harmony. The baby is opportunity. Get acquainted with the old man. And you will be able to get along Pretty well with the rest of the family.

A GOOD UNION MEMBER

Knows the facts before he argues; Listens to the other fellow's point of view; Stands up for his own rights and the rights of his union brothers and sisters; Never starts a fight unless he can win it; Never fights a fight unless he is proven wrong; Admits he's not right all the time; Is quick to excuse the mistakes of others, and slow to excuse his own; Helps "George" do it, when there's work to be done; Gives the union his intelligence as well as his loyalty; Practices what he preaches—solidarity!

THE MARCH OF LABOR

Advertisement for the March of Labor featuring statistics on union growth and labor rights. Includes text: 'THE FIRST OLD-AGE PENSION LEGISLATION WAS PASSED IN 1914 IN ARIZONA, AND WAS LATER DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL.' and 'BETWEEN 1910 AND 1920 THE PERCENTAGE OF UNION WORKERS IN MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL GROUPS DOUBLED. (14 TO 16)'. Also features a cartoon of a cat skinner and a seal for the National Labor Relations Board.