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#### NOT A CENT FOR DIES!

(Continued from Page Two) trolled. (Congressional Record, December 2, 1941)." "In brief, Dies refused labor to contribute its share to the war Mant unhappaged. He continues as he has in the nast in his efforts

### Has Interfered With Agencies of Government

"The Administration early recognized that uncontrolled price rises would seriously hamper production for war. But the Price Control Law was adopted only after obstacles interposed by Dies had been overcome. Dies did not act openly in his opposition. The method employed was to attack Leon Henderson, price, administra-

This stunt of Dies' is not new. "He loaned the Dies Committee to the defeat of Justice Frank Murphy of the Supreme Court when of Hitler." he was a candidate for election as Governor of Michigan. The

he was a candidate for election as Governor of Michigan. The means employed was the familiar one of announcing categorically that Mr. Justice Murphy was under Communist control."

Dies has likewise interfered with the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He has asserted that:

"This Committee (the Dies Committee) is better qualified to conduct an inquiry into Fifth Columns . . . than even the Federal Bureau of Investigation. There are many reasons why we can get better results than any other agency."

As the Guild points out, "If any factual refutation is needed, the record of how little the Dies Committee has actually done to expose Nazi organization is exough." Nazi organization is enough."

#### THE 150-YEAR FIGHT FOR AMERICAN TRADE UNIONISM

This article begins a series of six thumbnail sketches of the history of the fight for the American trade unions we are so ardently defending and which are in the forefront of the world struggle against the forces of oppression.—The Editor. INTRODUCTION

The American Revolution gave the young manufacturers freedom from England and they started on their own in full force. But—and it is a big BUT—it also signalled the beginning of the battle between those who ran the factory and those who worked

#### First Strike in 1791

The first trade unions in this country were the benefit societies that were organized by the mechanics and craftsmen who did business directly with the consumer. The purpose of these organizations was to protect the skilled mechanic from the competition of the rising factory system with its unskilled workers and its lower prices. We should all understand, of course, that it has always been the business of industry to encourage competition between workers, so that labor can be had at the lowest possible price. Trade unions do just the opposite—they try to standardize wages so that employers cannot use one worker against another and must therefore pay a minimum wage.

The earliest strike in this country took place in Philadelphia, in 1786, when the printers went on strike for a minimum wage of \$6 a week. The next strike that we know of occurred in 1791, also in Philadelphia. In this instance, the carpenters demanded from the contractors an end to the bad working conditions. They declared to their masters that "in future, a day's work amongst us, shall be deemed to commence at six o'clock in the morning, and terminate at six o'clock in the evening of each day."

#### Injunction Granted

What do you think was the reaction of the employers to these trade organizations and these strikes? Right the first time. They got mad—good and mad. When the shoemakers of Philadelphia went on strike in 1806, the boss' interests decided that they had had enough, and for the first time secured the help of the courts in bating back the workers. In instructing the jury at the strikers' trial, the judge declared, "A combination of workers to raise their wages may be considered in a two-fold point of view; one is to benefit themselves . . . the other is to injure those who do not join their society. The rule of the law condemns both." Verdict—guilty. The same thing happened in 1809 in New York and in 1815 in Pittsburgh. The terms "subversive" and "conspiratorial" were plastered on the young trade union movement.

The fight for the legality of the trade union was now under

#### Dies and Pearl Harbor

"The fruits of Dies' persistent conflict with the Government have been tragic. On December 8, 1941, Dies is reported to have told the press that his committee had in recent months obtained evidence of widespread Japanese espionage in this country. . . . But Pearl Harbor testifies to the fact that Dies had not communicated his information, so vital to our national defense, to any agency with power to act. While all this evidence was in his possession he was engaged in disrupting the administration of our government by accusing persons in important posts of holding un-American and subversive opinions. Able, by his own admission, to have averted the tragedy of Pearl Harbor, he persisted in efforts which had the inevitable tendency to demoralize the national defense.' Dies later states that:

"the attack might never have occurred had the House Committee on un-American activities which I head been permitted to discuss last September its finding on Japanese

"His position now is that his offer of evidence of the Japanese intention was refused. He does not explain why he required 'permission' to make known his discoveries; he does not explain whose permission was required. But it is abundantly clear that by his own admission he remained silent when to speak would have saved more than 3.000 lives and have averted a disastrous defeat."

These few quotations from the report of the National Lawyers Guild can give you but the barest idea of what has been going on in the name of uncovering subversive activities. If the little we have printed has opened one eye to the dangers around us, the complete report will open both eyes and both ears as well. For four years Martin Dies has been wasting the people's money in one of the biggest frauds of our history. Supposedly investigating subversive and un-American activities, he has fostered a huge gang of fascist cutthroats whose intention is to transform our democracy into a gigantic concentration camp. All in the name of Americanism, mind you. And only the past week we saw the latest outrage committed by this loudmouthed poll-taxer when he opened tor and man who was to administer the proposed measure, as a up with a vile attack against Vice-President Wallace. Wallace expressed the feelings of the American people when he stated that "Dies would not be so dangerous if he were directly on the payroll

But perhaps you would like still more information to be convinced. We don't blame you. There is nothing like looking into something thoroughly before you act. Why not read the entire report of the National Lawyers Guild? Simply come up to the Union headquarters or ask your shop steward. The reports are ten cents a copy and contain a priceless amount of information.

Although Congress voted to extend the Dies Committee, no funds have as yet been voted for its work. Because of Dies' recent outbursts there is strong possibility of preventing him from getting the money to operate. Now is our big chance to put an end to the activities of this native Nazi by demanding from Congress that no appropriations be voted for his sabotaging work.

"All that harms labor is treason to America. No line can be drawn between these two. If any man tells you he loves America, yet hates labor, he is a liar. If any man tells you he trusts America yet he fears labor, he is a fool. These is no America without labor, and to fleece the one is to rob the other." — ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

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# LOCAL C.I.O. and A.F.L. UNITE ON WAR

#### To Hold Joint Victory Rally in May

We are happy to announce that the Labor Unions affiliated with the Congress of Industrial Organization and the American Federation of Labor, in this area, through their respective councils have cleared the way for united efforts in the production of war materials to wipe out Hitlerism from the face of the earth.

The first will be a joint gigantic War Victory Rally which will be held in Schenectady the last week in May. The exact date and place will be announced later.

We of the C.I.O. are confident that this War Victory Rally will be only the beginning of greater unity and cooperation between the labor unions affiliated with the C.I.O. and the A. F. of L.

. This cooperation has been needed for a long time. An example of the necessity of such unity was seen when the united efforts of the A. F. of L. and C.I.O. blocked the recent anti-labor legislation that was swamping the legislative bodies in Washington. Nothing but the present unity of the A. F. of L. and the C.I.O. could have stopped the anti-labor propaganda that was sweeping the country.

This unity has inspired labor to new efforts and has given the American public a greater confidence in labor. . . . It has also given the people of our country greater confidence in themselves . . . feeling that labor is now united in exerting its maximum effort for the production of the necessary weapons to be furnished to the people fighting the Axis powers.

The job of organizing the unorganized, whether into the C.I.O. or the A. F. of L., will be a comparatively easy one, now that labor has its own house in order.

#### UNION SCHOOL GRADUATES SIXTY-NINE COMMITEEMEN

Sixty-nine committeemen, graduates of the first class in the Local 301 Trade Union School, were presented with diplomas at the membership meeting, Tuesday night at the CIO Hall. The class covered the "Principles and Practices of Trade Unionism" and was intended to give the students a groundwork in the various problems that confront an active trade unionist.

Registration for the new term, starting May 4th, was held at the committeemen's meeting Monday evening and next week a new group of men and women will begin their initiation into formal trade union education. For the graduates of last term an advanced class in the "History of American Trade Unionism" will be given. The following committeemen received their diplomas from Vice-President William Turnbull:

Leonard Bouck, Carmine DiGirolamo, Walter Esselborn, John Hankinson, L. P. Korycinski, William Laing, Gerald Potter, Sebastiano Restifo, Anthony Rossi, Allen Townsend, Philip Autelitano, Leland Bellinger, Kenneth Boyce, Dewey Brashear, Henry Bryant, John Gage, Louis Geller, E. Bauer, John Dlubac, Floyd Mower, J. J. Von Stetina, M. Dorsch, Gabriel Maitino, John Brauneisen, John De Piero, Patsy Di Caprio, Adam Griffith, Frank Karg, Robert La Fortune, Thomas Lyman, Helen-Rector, H. G. Spoenemann, Harry Van Patten, Matt. Palkovic, Charles Campbell, Vincent Iovinella.

Also William Mastriani, Everett Matthews, Jack Mele, Joseph Perretta, Joseph Belak, James Ettinger, Gordon Repice, Charles White, Anthony Esposito, Richard Boyce, Ernest Costanza, C. Fuchs, Felix Pelchat, Walter Plummer, Louis Santabarbara, Paul Schindler, M. J. Stewart, Albert Gisondi, Roy Lash, B. B. Sackett, Robert Zullo, George Agius, John Schlansker, Joseph Sindoni, William Cooke, J. Di Georgia, Charles Staroba, A. Cunningham, R. R. Koenig, Arthur Ripton, S. E. Wood, Fred Lake and Pat Vottis.

# UNION ORGANIZES "VICTORY" COMMITTEE

With the approval this week by the Executive Board of the formation of a Victory Committee, the Union is shifting into high in its program for winning the war. The committee, as recommended, will be composed of one representative from each shift in each department. Pat Vottis, executive board member from the Turbine Department, has been appointed chairman.

The express purpose of the Committee is to stimulate a greater consciousness on the part of the workers of their responsibility to the "Win the War" program of American Labor and to further cooperation with government and other agencies carrying on war work. As Chairman Vottis declared, "We must reach an enthusiasm for victory never attained in the American labor movement. We must make this fight bigger than any fight we have ever engaged in. Let it not be said that there was something we could do and we muffed it. It's all out for victory from hereon."

The committee is in the process of organization and is expected to have its first meeting next week, but a basic program of action has been outlined to include the following:

- 1. Cooperation with the Red Cross. Organization of a blood bank and women's activities such as knitting and making of
- . Cooperation with the U.S.O. Running of joint affairs for Army benefits and securing gifts for the soldiers.
- . Stimulation of education for victory by means of posters. slogans, songs, films, and other such techniques. Encouragement of all talent along these lines by workers in the
- Involving every worker in some phase of civilian defense. Greater cooperation with the O.C.D.
- 5. Carrying out the national CIO program of one hour's pay a month for Allied War Relief and for our own armed forces.

An exhibit of British-Russian war posters is being planned in cooperation with the United American Artists. Also, all the women in the plant are asked to start the ball rolling and show the same pep that women in the trade unions have always shown, and volunteer for Red Cross work. They will have a choice of activity and time. Please send your name in to Pat oVttis. Chairman. Victory Committee, CIO Hall, 301 Liberty Street. And all others—men and women—who have any ability to draw, write, or play any musical instrument, please do likewise.

#### UNION TO COOPERATE ON COLLEGE TRAINING PROGRAM

Local 301 has been invited by Union College to cooperate on its technical training program which is offering free courses to war industry workers. The courses, which include a wide variety of subjects such as Mathematics, Tool Design, Drafting and Blueprint Reading, etc., are sponsored by the Office of Education of the Federal Government in Washington.

At a joint meeting between Professors Sayre and Hall of the Union College Engineering Department and the members of the Local 301 Education Department last week, it was agreed that the union would assist in the training school for the June term in two ways. First, the Local is to suggest any additional courses to the regualr schedule that it feels would benefit the men in the plant. Second, the Local will assume responsibility for recommending to the College specific workers for the various courses. It was pointed out by the professors that a number of students manage to enroll who really do not stand to gain very much from the instruction. This situation results in lack of interest and drops in attendance With our cooperation, however, it is expected that only those people who need a specific course will be recommended.

The Executive Board members in each department have the necessary information and are beginning to check up on possible candidates for the courses. All workers who feel the need for further training, please communicate with your Executive Board member

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# MAY DAY - 1942

May Day, the traditional day of celebration of the working people all over the world, is here once again. And we, as Americans, should feel proud of May Day, for this most famous of all holidays was given to the world by the workers of our own United States. If anyone has any funny idea that May Day is a foreign importation and is a product of some kind of "ism", let him get rid of such a notion at once.

Today the standard workday is eight hours with overtime for everything above. The eight-hour day, however, was won only after decades of struggle by the infant American Federation of Labor by a general strike on May 1, 1886. In fact, the A. F. of L. was born out of the battle for the eight-hour day. The bosses and the National Association of Manufacturers of the day were determined to smash the militancy of the American workers and take away their just victory. Only three days after the general strike, the workers of the International Harvester Company, the same group that just won a Labor Board decision, were holding a mass demonstration in Haymarket Square in Chicago. A provocateur hiding in an alley threw a bomb into the crowd killing a policeman and some of the workers. That was the signal for the attack. The police closed in on the people shooting them down. The leaders of the Central Labor Union of Chicago were arrested and tried for murder. In an atmosphere of the worst anti-labor violence several of the labor leaders were sentenced to death. The reactionaries were avenged for the workers' victory.

The solidarity of the American workers had won the most important gain in the world's labor history—the eight hour day. The action of the American workers set off the spark throughout the world and inspired the working people of other lands to push their fight for the shorter day and more industrial democracy. In honor of the heroism and militancy of America's labor fighters the workers of all lands adopted the first of May as international labor day. Let us not forget that as the peoples of all countries celebrate the cause of democracy this May Day.

Today, all over the world, the people are fighting for their very existence against the forces of disunity and oppression. The victory of the workers on that memorable May first is seriously endangered as is every fundamental right of the free people the world over. As the American workers led the way in the early battles against those who would enslave us, so today must the American workers take up the torch of liberty and help to put the final crushing blow on the Hitlerites both abroad and at home.

If Hitlerism wins out, not only the eight-hour day but every vestige of the people's hard won rights will be scrapped. Not a trace of decent working conditions will be left to us. We cannot let the rest of the world down in the grim struggle to restore the rights of mankind. This May Day must be a day of celebration of the task whichis ours—the ever increasing flow of materials to the front lines of democracy all over the world. The nation has never been so united as now because the danger has never been so great as at present. We the workers who have always led the way in the establishment of freedom must continue to assume the initiative and weld the American people into an unbreakable mass of humanity dedicated to the eternal fight against all oppression.

We must do even more. We must come to the active assistance of those who are holding back the Nazi savages and who have actually been defending our shores while we have been getting prepared. We cannot leave the Red Army to hold the fort alone against an entire Nazi Europe. The Russians have softened up those "invincible" Hitlerites; they have them hanging on the ropes. Now, if ever, is the time to put over the knockout blow. From every side, this May Day, comes the cry: "OPEN UP THAT WESTERN FRONT!" The new front MUST be opened at once! The workers of France, and the other enslaved peoples of Europe are waiting. We gave them courage and victory on the first May Day, 1886. We must give them courage and victory in 1942!

## Double Standard

Most of the business-controlled daily press has two standards: One for the rich, another for the poor; one for profits, another for

A sample: The Washington Post one day editorializes against profit limitation on the ground that industry must have an "incentive" to produce. A few days later, the same paper favors slashing wages for overtime after 40 hours, saying labor should need no incentive, since the war should be incentive enough.

This sample is typical of daily press editorial reaction on the 40-hour week, wages, profits, taxation, unemployment compensation, union security, wage-freezing and every other issue on which the interests of capital and labor can be counterposed.

Why aren't Coughlin and Gerald Smith in ia

"Why aren't Coughlin and Gerald Smith in jail?" asked Little Luther.

"Because we in America believe in freedom of speech and the press," replied his father.

"Then why don't we let Hitley and Musselini publish English

"Then why don't we let Hitler and Mussolini publish English editions of Voelkisher Beobachter and the Giornale d'Italia in New York?"

"That's preposterous—they're our enemies in a war."

"But, Daddy, Coughlin and Smith have printed exactly the same things in their papers that Hitler and Mussolini have in theirs. They have attacked Jews and labor unions and the U.S. government itself"

"But Coughlin and Smith are American citizens."

"Yes, son, but you see we have ideals. We have always let every man have his say."

"Even if it means betraying his country, Daddy? Abraham Lincoln put copperheads in prison and that included a lot of copperhead editors who were trying to obstruct the war."

"But if you put Coughlin and Smith in jail, all the other publishers may raise a terrible fuss because some members in good standing of the American Newspaper Publishers Association might be next."

"You don't mean Dirty Willie Hearst, Bertie McCormick and

Cap Patterson, do you, Daddy?"

Father's only reply was a smile of surrender.

#### WORK, FIGHT and GIVE

When the CIO pledges itself to an all-out effort to win the war, it means just that—all-out fighting, all-out production, and all-out giving.

"All-out giving is an old union custom," says President Murray. The generosity of the working people for all humanitarian purposes has always been proverbial.

The giving for which this war calls, giving for war relief, is not only humanitarian in purpose, it is also a great opportunity to demonstrate our solidarity with the other free peoples of the world who so far have borne the brunt of Axis assault, and to aid and comfort our own American fighting men.

The CIO has set up its own committee for American and Allied Relief. It is aiding the bombed out, homeless children of Britain; the Chinese who have so long and so magnificently resisted the Japanese invaders; and the brave people of the Soviet Union, who have met head-on the full fury of Hitler's assault and have been the first to turn the tide of battle against him. It is also aiding the American troops and our war prisoners.

Many CIO members have already pledged an hour's pay a month, or the equivalent, for war relief. This method of giving has been organized by the unions in most cases, and a number of employers have cooperated in the plan, matching their employes' contribution. This is a systematic method of giving that simplifies matters for the donors and assures a steady flow of money for relief. Let's not give too little or too late. The need is urgent now.

# SICKNESS IS HEAVY DRAG ON WAR PRODUCTION, EXPERTS FIND

Prompt action to reduce the huge loss of manpower from sickness is recommended in the War Section of MEDICAL CARE, the quarterly journal of the Committee on Research in Medical Economics.

The public is not yet awake to the seriousness of this problem, the journal says. With an average loss of nine days a year for each worker (eight days for men, 12 for women), the wasted time is "equivalent to over a million men toiling continuously through a full working year." Less than one-tenth of this loss is caused by industrial accidents and occupational diseases; nine-tenths is due to ordinary illnesses, much of which can be prevented or reduced in duration by prompt medical care.

A recent editorial in the Journal of the American Medical Association pointed out that even a 10 per cent reduction in the waste from sickness and injuries would save enough time to "build five capital ships, sixteen thousand tanks or nine thousand bombers."

"Medical Care" finds that as yet there is no comprehensive effort by management, labor or government to cut down war production losses because of sickness. Health services in industrial plants should be made available to all workers to prevent illness and accident as far as possible. Workers should be assured prompt medical care when sickness comes, as has been done in well-established industries already, jointly by workers and management, and should be done throughout war industries as a measure of immediate importance to war production.

"Action is needed now," says Dr. Michael M. Davis, Editor of the Journal, "by industrial management and organized labor, with government participation as required, to provide war workers with all preventive health services and to establish organized plans of medical care for sickness in enlarged plants and new defense areas. Action should proceed without delay. We are wasting time."



LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MAKES NEWS IN AKRON

Workers in Akron, Ohio, as they tried to figure out the meaning of the giant 8-balls which mysteriously flooded the streets, billboards, buses and newspapers of the city. Now they understand it was all the work of the labor-management committee of the UAW-CIO and the Goodyear Aircraft Corporation, tipping off Americans that "we'll be behind the 8-ball if we don't make production; the Axis will be behind it if we do."

#### "" HIGH VOLTAGE

If the Ford workers have a scrap pile, they might throw Lindbergh's medal into it and . . . forget to unpin the medal.

The government ought to put priorities on hed sheets and wipe out the Ku Klux Klan.

The WPB order halting he production of golf clubs will save 3,000,000 pounds of steel. Next thing you know they will be taking the bedpans away from Mrs. Ritzbilt's pekingese.

Hitler: "Ach, does this ban by the U.S. Post Office mean I'll have to miss next week's issue of 'Social Justice'?"

Goebbels: "Don't fret, mein Fuehrer. I can recite next week's issue of 'Social Justice' for you right now."

In a tribute to Adolph Hitler on his 53rd birthday, Goehring declared that the strategy for the Eastern Front fighting was "exclusively" the work of der Fuehrer. Only Goehring could get away with such an attack on Herr Hitler.

It is rumored that Adolph Hitler's birthday cake had 147 candles—one for each time Adolph had announced the "complete destructon" of the Red Army.

Attorney General Biddle ridicules Dies' talk of "secret hearings" on his ranch as amateur stuff. But you never can tell. Dies may show up in Washington any day now with a bottle of Japanese beetles.

# Hitler's Formula at Work...Here

### Saturday Ev'g Post Launches "Splitting" Attack

How many times have our progressive trade union leaders pointed out to the American people that attacks on minority groups and attacks on democracy go hand in hand! Hitler's persecution of the Jews was only a preliminary to the persecution of the Catholics and the Protestants and . . . the trade unions. Now, the whole German population is in the soup.

#### The Same Tactics

No better proof that anti-minority agitation is just the smoke-screen for an assault on the living standards of the people could be found anywhere than in the recent issues of the Saturday Evening Post, the weekly magazine that claims the largest national circulation. Only a few weeks ago the S.E.P. published three articles that attacked the Jewish people—for their own good. The title of the last of the trio was "The Case Against the Jew" by a smart-aleck writer, Milton Mayer, himself Jewish.

The only result of the articles was to raise one hell of a protest against the Post from every decent American and quite a loss in circulation by the magazine. But — and this is the real story — the past week saw the logical follow-up, according to the Hitler formula, of the attack on the Jewish people, with an attack on labor, Jewish or otherwise.

#### Fascist Program for Labor

This latest outrage was penned by that corporation lawyer and what-have-you, Donald Richberg, who asks the deliberately misleading and provocative question, "Will Labor Lose the War?" The opening paragraph lets you in on what's eating him. "When we see war workers who are wasting precious time wrangling with employers, quarreling among themselves, slowing production, actually stopping work and preventing others from working, we can't help asking, "Will Labor lose the war?" To hear this mouthpiece of the National Association of Manufacturers, you'd never know that Labor has voluntarily given up the strike weapon for the duration of the war; that Labor has donated overtime on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays within the forty hour week to the government: that Labor has put forth and has, in hundreds of instances, in actual operation production councils for the increased efficiency of production; that union workers in plant after plant are winning the Navy "E" for industrial achievement. You would never know that the Auto Workers alone have already bought \$50,000,000 worth of war bonds and are starting on their second \$50,000,000. Or the thousands of quarts of blood donated to the boys at the front by union workers. Richberg's program, of course, is one that would really lose the war as it did in France—the regimentatio nof Labor. He supports the program of Rep. Smith, Vinson, Dies, etc.

#### A Little Lesson

The Saturday Evening Post's technique of first pitting race against race, religion against religion, and then class against class—anything to divide the people—is true to the fascist form. Let us be on guard against it.

#### SAL VOTTIS GETS W.L.B. APPOINTMENT

Sal Vottis, our fiery Financial Secretary, has been appointed to the Speakers Bureau of the War Labor Board for this area. The job of the Speakers Bureau is to explain the working of the Labor Board and contribute to the building of industrial morale by breaking down misunderstanding and confusion. Vottis' appointment was made on the recommendation of John Brophy, Director of Industrial Union Councils of the CIO in Washington.

## Bulletins From The Labor Front

#### CIO Sweeps Plane Poll

COLUMBUS, O. — A Labor Board election held among the workers at the plant of the Curtiss-Wright Corp. here was won last week by the CIO United Automobile Workers, 1,557 to 382 for the AFL Intl. Ass'n of Machinists. An independent union was ordered disbanded by the Labor Board as company dominated.

#### Union Hails Harvester Decision

CHICAGO—Decision by the War Labor Board on the bitterly contested issue of maintenance of union membership handed down last week in the International Harvester case was hailed by the CIO Farm Equipment Workers Organizing Committee as an "outstanding-victory" for the union. In an 8 to 4 decision—the four employer representatives disagreeing—the Board ordered Harvester to include a maintenance of membership clause in union contracts—if a majority of the workers in each of the eight plants involved vote in favor of this at special elections ordered held by the War Labor Paperd

#### Workers Nail Slow-Down Gossip

WASHINGTON—CIO workers in the Curtiss-Wright plant at Columbus, O., "deeply resent the unfounded charges" of union instigated slow-downs made by poll-tax Senatory Harry F. Byrd, union officials—declared. The union-charged—that—months—ago—the—union-had demanded that the government operate the plant in order to insure production of planes. Workers had complained of not having enough to keep them busy. "The keynote of the union's organizing campaign was increased production," Paul Miley, a UAW official, declared.

#### U.E. Donates Radios to U.S.O.

NEW YORK—The United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, has voted to buy \$5,000 worth of radios for U.S.O. club

#### Shipyard Workers Stop Discrimination

CHESTER, P.A.—Months of pressure by Local 2, Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers, CIO, has ended discrimination against Negroes in the Sun Shipbuilding yards here.

# ANTI-LABOR LIES OF PRESS, MOVIES AND RADIO AID AXIS, STEELMAN SAYS

ATLANTIC CITY (FP)—Giving figures to show that "labor's and management's pledge of full cooperation and continuous production has been 99.97 percent successful," John R. Steelman, head of the U.S. Conciliation Service, charged that the anti-labor lies of the press, movies and radio aid the Axis.

"Careless recital of the dramatic side of strikes in the press and on the screen and over the radio has given too many people the impression that our war efforts are being held up in a serious way because of willful strikes in a major part of American industry. This is a dangerous lie that serves the purpose of the Axis but serves no good end among us.

"In the last three months the case load of the conciliation service has been doubled. This increase, however, is not an indication of a national increase in strikes, but rather it is an indication of increased labor-management cooperation."

Of the 1,254 cases before the conciliation service April 17, only seven were defense strikes, he said. These seven strikes involve a total of only 297 workers.

# ORIGINAL TORN