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CIO Refuses Willow Run

Current labor leaders long have shown that they wish equal place with management in the operation of American industry.

These leaders have done about everything in the book to bludgeon management into the wedding of the twin, insofar as planning and production are concerned.

So, it would naturally seem that labor imagines itself quite capable of running practically all phases of modern big business.

Naturally, too, as the nation cuts back on war orders, large plants are going to become idle, such as Willow Run, and others owned by the federal government.

It is quite in order, then, that it should be suggested to labor that it take over Willow Run and engage in the whole problem of operating a big plant.

But labor leaders are against this. They admit that they have not sufficient funds on hand to launch such a large program.

Of course, with New Deal help, they could easily get some more money, just as management does from time to time with the obligation of course, of having to pay it back.

In refusing to purchase and operate Willow Run, CIO leaders are smart.

They realize that they would have problems and responsibilities quite beyond their talents and abilities to cope with.

Too, maybe such action would drift them right into state socialism—then there would no longer be labor organizations.

So, apparently, labor will remain where it is; controlling the labor market, making some fair, some impossible, demands on management; somehow, to make profit exceed loss—thus perpetuating our free enterprise system.

And that is as it should be... else what are we fighting for?

Bible Distribution

The American Bible Society reports that all previous records in Bible distribution were broken in 1944, when a total of 12,403,641 copies of the Scriptures were circulated by the Society.

This is an interesting commentary upon the assertion, so often made by certain theologians, that the people of this country are not as religious as they formerly were.

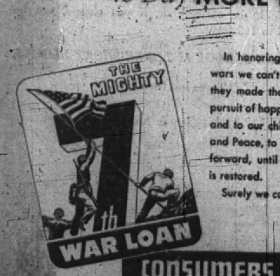
It completely refutes the idea that, because of the war, people everywhere have turned their face from God and that the world is rapidly going to the devil.

To Sell We Must Buy

In any discussion of post-war exports from the United States, it is essential for the people of this country to understand that our tariff barriers must be reduced.

While it is possible that the people of foreign countries are prepared to buy heavily from the United States, it is also plain that they cannot pay for the goods they buy unless the United States is prepared to purchase some of their goods.

HAPPY IS THE MAN WHO, WHEN FLATTERED UNNECESSARILY, SAYS: "Bosh—even I know I'm not that good... good as I think I am!"



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British War Relief Society in Michigan

Termination of the activities of the British War Relief Society in Michigan and throughout the United States is announced today by Maurice Wood, Detroit, Chairman of the Michigan Committee, with the approval and thanks of the British Ambassador to the United States, the Earl of Halifax.

Lord Halifax wrote: "The appreciation of the people of Britain for the sympathy and support they have received from America is unbounded, and it is, I believe, their feeling that that portion of funds to be raised in the forthcoming National War Fund Campaign which would have been allocated to relief in Britain should be utilized for the relief of populations of the liberated areas of Europe."

Since May, 1940, thirty-seven chapters of the British War Relief Society have been operating in Michigan. Chairman Wood declared, in excess of a million dollars in cash and goods were supplied war stricken areas in Great Britain by the Michigan Committee.

Thanking all Michigan residents who participated in the activity of the Society, Chairman Wood asked that they continue their efforts in behalf of the nations of liberated Europe and China.

Many Birmingham and nearby residents aided in this British War Relief activity; to them must come that satisfaction that is a reward for "doing unto others as ye would that others do unto you."

SCOTSMEN ARE DEMANDING THAT LESS PLAID cloth be shipped out of the country, especially to the U.S.A.; the Men of Scotland claim they are running out of kilt material.

We don't blame the Scotsmen at all; after all, men are entitled to some equality, even in clothing.

WITH THE RETURN OF MORE AND MORE civilian products, the ability to get to know one's neighbors when one has to stand in line at the store will decrease, and again we'll get to be strangers to one another.

IF APPEARS THAT THE AVERAGE JAP is close to a crocodile in mental and spiritual values—with apologies, of course, to the crocodile.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN. The Probate Court for the County of Oakland do hereby certify that the within and last named will of the said decedent is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the files of said court.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Probate Judge; MRS. LAWRENCE J. MURRAY, Clerk of Court.

Moving In for an Eclipse



Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO May 30, 1895. The Tuesday club will meet at Mrs. Logan's June 4. All invited.

"When John Bull wants anything he sends his emissaries after it, and gets it."

"There is no discount upon the white-washing abilities of certain New York legislators."

"Ex-President Harrison is reported to have had his beard trimmed to a point. Perhaps he's getting ready to wick somebody."

"A communication from Southfield regarding the milk question is before us. It is too lengthy for our use coming in so late in the week and will be too old to be of interest a week later."

"Miss Jack Inlet, of Detroit, with a 16-pound bicycle and bloomers, attempted to go with it, rode out and back last week, making many of her friends a cheerful visit. She was accompanied by her brother, Baxter, and a gentlemanly little man he is, too."

"Dip" Fall to go to the Decoration Day entertainment at Library Hall this evening. Admission 10 cents.

"The happiness of marriage is too much for some men, as was proven by the recent death of a man married at 3 o'clock in the afternoon."

20 YEARS AGO May 29, 1925. "Any person apprehended in the act of trying to burn old tin cans, vegetable matter, or other substance except paper in the village incinerator will be fined not less than ten dollars or more than twenty-five dollars, under the terms of an ordinance passed by the village commission Monday night."

"At ten in the morning 'Bob' Porritt is to start a hokey in his garage."

"An 'open for business' sign will 'hang out,' figuratively speaking, at Birmingham's new post office, opposite the Baldwin Library, Friday morning at 8 o'clock."

"The Acorn Award, one of the highest awards given to adult leaders by the Boy Scouts of America was presented to Ralph A. Main at the Court of Honor last Friday night."

"Lawrence J. Murray, administrator will accept a petition bearing that the said estate be liquidated and that the said estate be dissolved and the said estate be dissolved and the said estate be dissolved."

"It is further ordered that the 7th day of August 1945 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, Central War Times, at said post office, be and it is so ordered for the examination and adjustment of all claims against the said estate."

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People's Column

May 19, 1945. Gentlemen:

In your last issue of the Eccentric (Thursday, May 10) your second news item, a woman called regarding loose dogs. May I take an exception to your handling of this item?

Our Dog Ordinance license fees, (reverse side of each license) item No. 3, reads: "If your property unless under reasonable control by a leash or collar."

"It may get off of your property even when under reasonable control unless he has been immunized against rabies within the past year and wears a city immunization tag."

The reason I took time out to write you regarding this law is because of the extreme abuse most dog owners have shown to wards our good law, and then you paper helps this condition with your reply that a dog usually comes a little bit. Maybe so, but the law does not give dog owners this privilege and I, as a dog owner, feel it my duty to let you know that the dog laws are in Birmingham.

I am a subscriber to your paper, and a resident and property owner in Birmingham for the last 20 years, and I do not have the same objection to loose dogs as the lady.

Yours truly, Louis G. Wegener, 863 Chester street Birmingham, Mich.

To The Editor: I had just to get out of my system the wonderful way you have about the nice wedding of two of my favorite movie stars, Lauren Bacall and Humphrey Bogart. They got married last week in Ohio, after coming all the way from Hollywood.

I know Bogart is 44 years old and his bride is only 29—but that difference, for Mr. Bogart is a man of many talents, and a man of many talents, and a man of many talents.

After all, the movies do keep the names of people in the public eye, and a couple like the Bogarts are entitled to all the love they can crowd into their busy lives.

Many of us who are married, and with romance not such a friendly guest about our friends, deserve seeing other people happy. That's why I get such a kick out of paying my 95 cents at the movie to see romances on the screen.

Sometimes I wish that the movie producers, when a picture is showing, would insert a sort of noise in which maybe cupid could appear and smile and say from the screen: "Hey, all you nice folks down there in the audience, who don't you grab hold of your mate's hand and just cheer and kiss him or her, and be happy like the actors in this picture?"

Don't you think, Mr. Editor, that something like this would bring more happiness to people in general?

Anyway, I'm happy over the marriage of the Bogarts, and I hope some day they will have lots of little Bogarts to scamp about their feet. Thanks for printing this in your paper.

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