

LABOR PLEDGES CEASELESS WORK

A no-stoppage-of-work pledge was adopted last night by 300 representatives of organized labor in the Moose Hall at a Production for Victory rally called by the Municipal Defense Commission.

The American Federation of Labor, the Congress of Industrial Organizations and the Railroad Brotherhoods were represented.

Greetings were read from Mayor-Elect William F. Devin and Philip Murray, president of the C. I. O. Messages were received too late to be read from President Roosevelt and William Green, president of the A. F. of L. H. G. Love, general chairman of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, sent regrets he was unable to attend and expressed accord "with the goal which this conference hopes to achieve."

The no-stoppage-of-work pledge is phrased as follows:

"1. That all disputes arising between labor organizations be settled between themselves without stoppage of work.

"2. That all differences with employers be submitted to conciliation or mediation without stoppage of work.

"3. That full cooperation be extended local, state and federal officials in promoting the war effort and civilian defense, and in furthering labor participation and representation on local, state and federal bodies charged with the responsibility of furthering the war effort."

A second resolution was adopted, calling for organization of a Labor's Victory Committee, and read as follows:

"Resolved: That this conference sponsor a joint committee representing all sections of organized labor in this vicinity, to be known as 'Labor's Victory Committee,' to consist of not less than five representatives of the respective central organizations of A. F. of L., C. I. O., Railroad Brotherhoods, and in addition not less than two representatives of the respective trade councils concerned with war production; and that for the purpose of establishing said Victory Committee, this conference hereby select a representative continuation committee, including the sponsors of this conference.

"Be it further resolved that: The Victory Committee cooperate with the Civilian Defense Commission in every possible way.

"And be it further resolved that: We recommend to the Victory Committee that a large public rally of those engaged in the production of war material be held at the earliest practicable date, to dramatize and encourage labor-management cooperation in war production."

No Bullets, No Cats, Nothin'; Officers Go Eat

Policemen stood in a rear courtyard, in the alley and in the hallway of an apartment house at Eighth Avenue and Marion Street. So did a half-dozen tenants, who had called police shortly after 7 o'clock this morning to report that several shots had been fired.

The officers moved about methodically, searching for trace of the bullets. Patrolman Edgar Earr scrutinized marks on a concrete wall in the courtyard and looked for torn turf, nodding negatively.

Sergt. W. A. Feek directed operations from the alley.

No bullet holes.

Patrolman Paul Sylvester stared at blind-covered windows.

Patrolman H. H. Redick emerged from a back door.

"Nobody inside knows anything about it," Redick announced.

"Maybe somebody was shooting cats," a tenant suggested.

"I don't see any cats," said Redick, eyeing the tenant suspiciously.

"Well," said another tenant, "that's a good idea, anyway."

Redick eyed him suspiciously, too.

"Get a list of the tenants at this end of the building where the shooting seemed to come from," instructed Feek. "We gotta have somethin' to put in the report."

"No bullet holes, no cats, no nothin'," said Sylvester. "How about breakfast?"

"That's all, folks."

L. A. Police to Check All Tire Numbers

LOS ANGELES, April 16.—(AP)—Police Chief C. B. Horrall, pointing out that an average of ten tires is stolen each night, has instructed his men to check the tire serial numbers on every automobile halted for any reason.

A "hot tire" sheet, similar to the "hot car" list, has been issued to the officers.

A Tale of Two Raccoons—Yes, Lawton Folk, Two!

Out of the past—300 chickens and nine years ago to be exact—came the story today of how a raccoon happened to appear in the Lawton District to harass residents there into a state of frustrated perplexity with his continuous series of henhouse pilferings.

In fact, it is a story of how not one, but two, 'coons arrived in the district. And therein lies a strong possibility that Mrs. Ethel Redding, 4404 28th Pl. W., who, after seven years of diligent plotting and trap building, managed to capture 'coon No. 1 a week ago in her henhouse, may have to continue her work to catch 'coon No. 2.

Just Call Me 'Bill'

The circumstances came to light after a man—who, for reasons which will become apparent, prefers to be identified only as "Bill"—read about the 'coon's capture in The Times. Bill thought it over a while and then telephoned The Times.

Bill told a story about a bakery truck route on Whidby Island, a desire to own a raccoon, a big cookie can, a woman who had to go to a hospital "to get repaired" after she helped me catch the 'coons,' fear of being fined for trapping raccoons, and loss of one week's business and a customer.

"It was back in 1933 that it happened," Bill said. "I was driving along a country road on Whidby Island when I came upon two women who had stopped their car to keep from running over a mother raccoon and two young ones."

'Coons Do Bite!

"One of the women was one of my customers. I'd always wanted a raccoon, so I talked her into helping me catch them. I dumped \$6.50 worth of cookies out of a big can onto the floor of my truck."

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"While I was bagging the other one, the first one went to work on her arm. She was afraid to drop him, thinking he would bite her legs and feet, too, so she hung on. I ran back and got the 'coon to the car and punched some holes in it for air. I put the first 'coon in the can and told her to sit on it to hold him in. She didn't sit long. The holes were big and the 'coon had claws."

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NORSE ROYALTY TO BE HONORED

Crown Prince Olav and Crown Princess Martha of Norway will be honored next Tuesday noon at a city-wide luncheon sponsored by the Seattle Chamber of Commerce and the Norwegian Commercial Club.

The luncheon will be held in the Chamber banquet hall and will take the place of the Chamber's regular community council luncheon, usually held on Friday. Reservations are required.

The visitors will arrive Tuesday morning.

Lieut. Col. Ole Reistad, commander of the Norwegian Royal Air Force, will be honor guest at tomorrow's community council luncheon. He will tell of "Norway's Contribution to the United Nation's Air Offensive."

Appearing also will be John Prins, past president of the Tacoma Chamber, who will present the results of a recent state-wide survey to determine "What Do Business Men Think of Social Agencies?"

Those darn 'coons sure cost plenty. I lost a whole week's work, \$6.50 worth of cookies and a customer. They cost the customer a good-sized hospital bill and the Lawton residents about 300 chickens—and maybe there'll be more—to say nothing about the fines I might get, so you'd better not mention my last name."

Communists to Give Blood

Four officials of the Communist Party, Northwest District, had appointments this afternoon at the Virginia Mason Hospital in answer to an appeal from the Red Cross for donations to Seattle's emergency blood bank. They are Andrew Remes, Harold C. Spring, Phil Frankfeld and Edward Alexander.

5 Dealers Given Commission In Motor Service

Five men well known in state automobile or tire-dealer circles have been appointed lieutenants in the special "Washington Company" of motorized equipment service experts being formed for immediate overseas duty.

The officers, named by Capt. W. T. Norman, company commander, are: First Lieut. M. M. Magnuson, Seattle, warehouse officer; 1st Lieut. Herman Rodell, Spokane, depot officer; 2nd Lieut. Robert Hankins, Seattle, assistant warehouse officer; 2nd Lieut. Norman Gordon, Tacoma, service officer; and 2nd Lieut. Nate Scaler, Spokane, guard officer.

Selection of the five completes the officer personnel of the company, to be known as Company E, Second Battalion, 301st Ordnance Regiment.

Approximately 250 applications for enlistment have been received from all over the state. The goal is at least 400. Men accepted will leave May 1 for Camp Sutton, N. C.

First-class technicians in the special unit can earn up to \$160.50 a month on overseas service. Seattle registration offices are at 1156 Stuart Building.

Machinists Meet Monday

The spring program of the Machinists' Union Auxiliary, Base Lodge 168, will open at the MacCabe's Hall, 111 Spring St., at 8 o'clock Monday night. Motion pictures of Ross Dam will be shown.

WAR WON'T HALT PEACE PROGRAM

Despite the war, the annual International Peace Arch program—a program dedicated to peace—will be held as usual next fall at Blaine, it was announced today.

Site of the program is the Peace Arch on this country's northern boundary, built with the contributions of American and Canadian school children in 1921 to commemorate a century of peace between the two nations.

The International Peace Arch Program Association announced that because of wartime crowd and transportation limitations it may not be practicable this year to have hundreds of school children from Canada and the United States participate in the program, as they have in the past, but that fitting ceremonies will be held.

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