



Dear Editor:

As you recall, about December of last year, I sent an editorial letter to your office about Post War jobs and Industrial Expansion of this area. I also sent along a letter from Governor Baldwin that I received on September 8, 1944, concerning his Excellency's being interested in Post War jobs for our local and state-wide citizens.

Well! That was several months ago, and what has transpired since my editorial letter appeared in our local Labor newspaper, The Sub. The answer, is PRACTICALLY NOTHING! We now witness the City Council of New London with its smug reactionary manner dealing a death blow to the hopes of Labor, or progressive elements, in this area for an Industrial New London. I refer to the purchase of the old Brainard-Armstrong Mills by the City of New London for the expansion of the city's offices. Yet, to appease the progressive elements here, a loud-mouthed city official says in a negative manner,

that the need for the establishment of industries in this area comes first and that this mill will be used for such a purpose if so needed in peace time.

Boy, is this a laugh! A reactionary group of YES MEN for local reactionary industrialists become just plain mouthpieces for industrialists here who are strongly disinterested in any type of industrial competition.

Ye Trade Unionists, Ye Progressive Small Business Owners, and Ye Farmers or, in short the majority of ye citizens must stand by and see the avenue of Post War employment and industrial expansion crushed by a small group of Nylon Stockinged Bluenoses!

At last, Organized Labor has dared to raise its voice on Post War employment for our veterans, and displaced war workers! One need not possess the mental faculties of an Einstein, or be a seer to see that New London's citizens now in the Armed Forces or War Industries face a grave danger or tragedy, namely — unemployment, if industry does not locate here. Labor has got the ball rolling by appointing Brother Charlie Silva and Brother Harvey to the New London Post War Planning Board.

Let more Labor men—FIGHTING, MILITANT LABOR MEN—start a campaign or educational course amongst our great common folks, the industrial worker, the farmer, and the small business man, on the questions of Post War Industrial and Port Development. And you can bet your last cent

## Lost With Sub



(U. S. Navy photo from NEA)

Comdr. Richard H. O'Kane, above, of Durham, N. C., was skipper of the submarine Tang, now overdue and presumed lost, which in April, 1944, saved 22 naval aviators in a daring rescue off Jap-held Truk Island before invasion by Yank forces.

that the local politicians on the City Council will never dare again to hold a secret meeting for the sole purpose of preventing a new business from operating in the Old Mill on Union Street. After all, Labor in general wants new industries to come into this area, and the criminal neglect of our great port facilities and lack of industrial expansion can be laid at the door of local industrialists, and politicians who hate Labor Unions and modern progress. New London has never offered any real incentive to new industries to locate here! Yet our taxes are higher and opportunities fewer than any other like industrial area in the country.

Years ago the local city fathers at the height of the Hoover Depression tried their best to collect back taxes from a certain local industry and almost drove that firm out of business, and only through public clamor and the vision of a few local citizens who brought pressure to bear was this industry kept in our city. Since then, that same industry that had been practically insolvent, has vindicated itself and become the source of great employment opportunities for hundreds of local citizens, and is now a great war plant engaged in vital war work.

I ask for no personal glory for myself when I appeal to all members of our local Trade Union Movement through President Edward Rice of the Central Labor Union and to his Excellency, Governor Baldwin, but I ask them for the sake of the returning veterans, for the sake of the war workers and their splendid record, to start

International Brotherhood  
Of Electrical Workers

LOCAL LODGE NO. B261

By G. McMAHON

Local B-261 will hold its regular monthly meeting this Saturday, March 8th, but it is important for all to note that the time and place have been changed, the time from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m., and the place from Carpenters' Hall on Broad Street to the ILA Hall on Winthrop Street, New London.

Both time and place were changed at the request of our members who claimed the time was too early, and Carpenters' Hall too far out of the city. We think we have a perfect combination in the new time and location.

It might be well to give here a few directions as to how the ILA Hall may be reached. Incidentally the ILA stands for International Longshoremen's Association, which is an AF of L organization, and very accommodating in so far as they are permitting us to use their modern hall free of charge.

To get back to directions. From New London take the approach to the old highway bridge over the Thames River, after you go under the railroad underpass take your first right, and continue down that street to the end, the ILA Hall, plainly marked, is on your right. The street is a dead end.

Try to make this meeting as we are closing the charter and would like to have as many who can, be there. You members may rest assured that the charter is not being closed prematurely as our membership, as of this date, more than warrants it.

The few who have neglected to turn their application card in as yet, may do so by Friday, March 2nd, and thereby make the deadline. The few I refer to here are the ones who have declared their intentions by asking for a card, but through neglect have not as yet turned the card in to their steward.

One important change was made in our organization over the past week, and that was the taking over the financial secretary's post by Morris Drellar after Ralph Gurney, was forced, by illness, to resign. We regret to lose the services of Brother Gurney, and hope that the knee which is giving him so much trouble will heal in good shape, and in good time.

Morris Drellar, the new financial secretary, is a very capable man, and we are fortunate to have him to place in this very important spot.

That takes in about everything we have to say right now until we see you at the meeting March 8th. Following is a list of your stewards: Main Yard days—Arthur Brown, Carl Saari, Peter Armenia and Al Partridge. Main Yard nights—Chester Woldkowski, Ralph Golding and Norman Brennan. Victory Yard days—Buster Baur, and Victory Yard nights—President Al Farina.

the ball of Post War Industrial Planning rolling and keep it rolling!

Let us finance, we of the labor front, a campaign to advertise New London and help build this area into one of the greatest industrial areas of the east coast. We can do this by sponsoring this movement through the Central Labor Union and by backing progressive representatives in the State Legislature. We have such leaders now in the State General Assembly who would be more than willing to sponsor bills for the development of this area, both as an in-

dustrial center and as a leading port of the world.

Brother McGee, I think Our Sub Labor Organ must appeal to all great progressive newspapers, as well as our local Trade Unionists to bring great industries and enterprises into the New London area. It will be a tough fight, for our reactionary foes carry the influence and power, but let our courageous working-men's hearts carry this fight to a victorious finish!

Fraternally yours,  
Arthur Almeida,  
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