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FACING The FACTS With PHILIP PEARL

Here is an open letter to Thomas E. Dewey, newly nominated Republican candidate for the Presidency of the United States:

Dear Tom:—Congratulations! We always like to see a young fellow come along and you certainly have been traveling fast. As we sat in the gallery at Chicago Stadium and heard delegation after delegation pile up a record-breaking first-ballot vote for you, we were impressed not only by your popularity with your fellow Republicans but also by the efficiency of your personal organization.

Congratulations also on your forthright declaration at the morning-after press conference in Chicago that the platform adopted by the G. O. P. convention is ambiguous in spots and needs clarification. You promised to fill in the blank spaces and clear up its uncertainties in your speeches as the campaign goes on.

For your information, labor feels that the plank dealing with its own particular problems is not what it should be. We are looking to you to spell out some of the double-talk without delay. Your record as Governor of New York State has been, on the whole, friendly and sympathetic to

labor. In view of that record, it would be somewhat inconsistent for you to appeal to the workers of America for their support on the basis of the disappointing labor plank handed to you by the convention.

Familiar Tune

Remember, Tom, the Republican Party has been out of power in Washington for twelve years and has gone down to three successive, humiliating defeats in the national elections.

You should know the reason why. It is because the Republican candidates failed to gain the confidence of the majority of the common people of America. Their policies and program were devised not to appeal to the great masses who work in the factories and office buildings and on the farms of our country, but to the relatively small group of business men.

If you expect to win in 1944, Tom, this has got to be changed. You have got to convince the people with the votes that you are concerned over their interests. You can do this by developing a labor program in your campaign which goes far beyond what the Republican Party platform offers.

In essence, the platform tells the people that the way to help the nation is to help business first—then every one else will be able to pick up a few crumbs. This is a familiar old tune and it is no longer popular. The American people insist that the Government put first things first—their collective and individual security.

We hope you won't be offended if we offer a few hints for your cam-

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Trades and Labor Council.....	2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Hall No. 1.....	H. H. Howard, 621 Main St.
Trades and Labor Council.....	Wiley A. Davis, Custodian. Phone 233.	
Bakers' Union No. 81.....	2nd Saturdays, Labor Temple.....	Albert McDaniels, 1330 Shuler Ave.
Barbers' Union No. 132.....	2nd and 4th Mondays, Hall No. 4.....	E. R. Legg, 326 South Seventh St.
Bartenders 169.....	1st Mon., 2:30 p. m.; 3rd Mon., 7:30 p. m., Labor Temple.....	Chas. Elble, 2764 Benninghofen.
Bricklayers No. 11.....	1st and 3rd Fridays.....	V. M. Lackey, 219 Eaton Ave.
Bridge & Struct'l Or. Iron Workers.....	1st Tuesday, Labor Temple.....	Orville Burnett, 24 Lawson Ave.
Building Trades Council.....	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.....	Scott Symes, 538 S. 9th.
City Fire Fighters No. 20.....	1st Tuesday, T. C. Hall No. 4.....	Edward Toerner, Engine Co. No. 6
Carpenters and Joiners No. 637.....	2nd and 4th Thursdays, Labor Temple.....	Ralph Morningstar, 794 Symmes.
Cigar Makers' Union No. 123.....	2nd and 4th Mondays, Labor Temple.....	A. Lombard, 813 Vine St.
Electrical Workers No. 648.....	1st Wednesday, Labor Temple.....	J. E. Wanamaker.
Labor Legislative Committee.....	2nd and 4th Wednesdays.....	Eugene Erbs, Sec'y., 1243 Campbell Ave.
Lathers' Local No. 275.....	Meets 1st Wednesday, Labor Temple.....	Sherman Clear, Sec'y., 1050 Central.
Letter Carriers.....	3rd Friday Night.....	Ralph E. Wieland, 1332 High St., Ph. 1089-R
Laborers and Hod Carriers, No. 770.....	.....	J. W. H. Crafton, 202 Owen St. Ph. 33.
Machinists' Union No. 241.....	2nd Sun-4th Wed., Labor Temple.....	Al Breide, 708 South 5th.
Metal Polishers No. 43.....	Alternate Wednesdays, Labor Temple.....	G. Brandel, 1833 Pleasant Ave.
Milk and Ice Cream Drivers and Helpers.....	3rd Friday, T. C. Hall.....	Ed Dulli, 2255 Noble Ave. Ph. 1635-M.
Molders' Union No. 68.....	Every Monday, T. C. No. 1.....	James V. Nutt, 332 No. Tenth St.
Molders' Union No. 283.....	2nd and 4th Fridays, T. C. No. 1.....	Mack Holland, 1303 S. Thirteenth St.
Musicians' Local No. 31.....	1st Sunday Morning, Labor Temple.....	Charles E. Fordyce, 903 Millville Ave.
Paint, Dec., Paperhangers No. 135.....	Every Thursday, Labor Temple.....	Stanley Sloneker, Labor Temple.
Paper Makers, No. 49.....	Ralph Lee, Sec., J. W. Bailey and J. C. Furr, Int'l Rep.....	Headquarters, Labor Temple.
Pattern Makers.....	2nd and 4th Fridays, T. C. Hall.....	Clarence Jameson, Phon 905-R-5.
Plasterers and Cement Finishers No. 214.....	.....	Ed Motzer, 322 Harrison Ave.
Plumbers' Union No. 108.....	1st and 3rd Mondays, T. C. Hall.....	Albert Johnson, 931 Ridgeland Ave.
Retail Clerks' Union No. 119.....	1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Labor Temple.....	Sam K. Daneff, 801 Corwin Ave.
Roofers No. 68.....	4th Wednesday, T. C. Hall.....	David Lyttle, 507 So. Fifth St.
Sheet Metal Workers No. 365.....	Alternating Tuesday at Labor Temple.....	Douglas Rowlett, 337 Pershing Ave.
Stationary Engineers No. 91.....	1st Monday, T. C. Hall.....	Wm. Eichel, 1304 Haldimand Ave.
Stationary Firemen No. 98.....	2nd Thursday, Labor Temple.....	O. P. McCormick, 723 Ross Ave.
Street Car Men's Local 738.....	3rd Wednesday, T. C. Hall No. 1.....	B. B. Siple, 116 No. D St.
Stove Mounters' Union No. 8.....	1st and 3rd Fridays, T. C. Hall.....	Carl Reiter, 2120 Elmo Ave.
Stage Employees-Operators, No. 136.....	1st Monday, T. C. Hall.....	Tom C. Smith, 618 Cleveland Ave.
State, County & Municipal Employees, No. 357.....	.....	Ed. Buckel, Sec., 1176 Shuler Ave.
Truck Drivers' Local No. 100.....	1st Wednesday, Labor Temple, Marion Davidson, R.R. 1, Hamilton, Ph. 4414-R.	
Typographical Union No. 290.....	.....	Martin Schorr, 701 Gray Ave.
Woman's Union Label League.....	Every Other Tuesday, Labor Temple.....	Mrs. Lottie Butts, 737 Ludlow St.

MIDDLETOWN LABOR UNIONS

Allied Printing Trades Council.....	.....	Wm. J. O'Brien, President.
Trades and Labor Council.....	Alternate Thursday, Trades Council Hall.....	Sid Dutcher, P. O. Box 226.
Middletown Fire Fighters, No. 336.....	1st Monday and Tuesday, T. C. Hall.....	Ed. Beatty, Belmont St.
Barbers' Union No. 228.....	4th Monday, Trades Council Hall.....	R. G. Miller, 9 No. Main St.
Musicians, No. 321.....	1st Sunday, Trades Council Hall.....	Earl Mendenhall, Sec., 720 10th St.
Electrical Workers, No. 648.....	.....	John Wanamaker, Hamilton.
Letter Carriers, No. 188.....	.....	LaVerne J. Knox, 1008 Hughes St.
Printing Pressmen No. 235, 1st Friday, Trades Council Hall, Henry Zettler, Sec'y., R. R. No. 3, Hamilton, Ohio.		
Carpenters, No. 1477.....	Every Monday, Trades Council Hall.....	Earl Ottervein, Sec., 12 Harrison St.
Plumbers and Steamfitters, No. 510.....	2nd Tuesday, Trades Council Hall.....	Earl Conover.
Painters and Decorators, No. 643.....	2nd Friday, Trades Council Hall.....	
Stage Employees, No. 282.....	Alternate Saturdays, T. C. Hall.....	Otto Kaiser, P. O. Box 54.
Steam and Operating Engineers, No. 924.....	.....	Wm. Smart, Dayton, Ohio.
Typographical Union, No. 487.....	1st Monday, Trades Council Hall.....	Harriett DuErmitt, News-Journal.
Laborers and Hod Carriers, No. 534.....	Alternate Wednesdays, T. C. Hall.....	S. J. Anderson, 125 South Broad St.
Truck Drivers.....	Trades Council Hall.....	Sid Dutcher.
Building Trades Council.....	Alternate Monday, T. C. Hall.....	Sid Dutcher.
Pulp and Sulphite Paper Mill Workers, No. 310.....	.....	Mabel Whittaker, Charles St.
Sheet Metal Workers, No. 141.....	John Focht, Jr., Cincinnati.
Auto Mechanics.....	Trades Council Hall.....	W. Fox.

DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS

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Sta. Engineers.....Frank P. Converse, 216 High, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Building Trades Council.....	Joe Spaulding, 901 Minor Ave., Ph. 2852-W.
Culinary Employees & Hotel Service Workers.....	Charles Elble.
Electrical Workers.....	Frank Vidourek, 145 Pershing Ave., Ph. 1024-W.
Molders.....	Jerry Galvin, 605 W. Norman Ave., Dayton, Ohio.
Carpenters.....	Joe Spaulding, 901 Minor Ave.
Lathers' Local No. 275.....	Sherman Clear, 1050 Central Ave.
Machinists No. 241.....	H. H. Howard, 621 Main St. Ph. 4448.
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Pattern Makers.....	Trades Council Hall.
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Roofers' Local No. 68.....	David Lyttle, 507 So. Fourth St.
Plumbers.....	Raymond P. Keck, 231 Washington St.
Stage Employees.....	Neil Johnson, 201 S. Monument, Ph. 2620-J.
Moving Picture Operators.....	Eugene Stempfle, Overpeck, Ohio. Ph. 191-M-3.

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Building Trades.....	Sid Dutcher, P. O. Box 226.
Painters.....	Ed Engler, 425 S. 13th, Hamilton.
Movie Operators.....	Ben Francis, 119 Moore St.
Stage Employees.....	Clarence Long, North Broad.
Electrical Workers.....	Frank Vidourek, Hamilton.
Truck Drivers.....	Sid Dutcher.
Laborers and Hod Carriers, No. 534.....	S. J. Anderson, 125 South Broad St.

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Assn. Ohio Fire Fighters, R. M. Lukens. S.W.D. V.-Pres., 507 Lincoln Ave.

paigh. The tender is made in a helpful spirit. We are not partisan. We would like to see you and your Democratic opponent—whoever he may be—get off to an even start and let the best man win. So, here goes!

Helpful Hints

America is determined to win the war and to win the peace. Winning the war, we hope, won't be a political issue in this campaign. But the American people expect their next President to help them win the peace.

That means banishing future war

through an international organization empowered to enforce the peace. It means expanded peace-time production with jobs for all at good wages. It means extension of social security through enactment of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill. It means restoration of the normal freedoms of the American people through the prompt lifting of war-time controls and the repeal of such repressive legislation as the Connally-Smith Act. It means effective measures to protect the millions of young men who will be de-

mobilized from the armed forces and the millions of workers who will lose their jobs in war plants.

If you can go for that kind of program, Tom, you ought to make a strong race. But if you are going to limit your campaign to lambasting and criticizing the New Deal, you are more than likely to join the ranks of Hoover, Landon, Willkie and other G. O. P. has-beens.

Certainly the New Deal has made errors—some of them grievous ones. But a narrow, "hate-Roosevelt" campaign will earn you the votes only of such super-haters as Sewell Avery, Col. McCormick, Pegler, Hearst, the Pews and the Grundys and the defendants in the sedition trial. That kind of support is fatal.

One other tip. It will be a good idea to muzzle your running mate between now and election. During his pre-convention campaign he said some harsh things about you and also about labor. If he keeps on talking in that vein, he will cost you votes.

We have tried in this letter to give you the straight goods. We hope you will not resent this advice but profit by it. This is a neutral corner. As you enter the ring, we wish you the best of luck.

Belgian Labor To Aid Allies

New York City (ILNS).—According to a copy received in London of the underground Belgian paper, Le Peuple, the clandestine Belgian trade unionists have established a central body to coordinate the resistance work of trade unions groups and prepare to help the Allied forces.

A young lady was overheard to say: "I can't get along with my boy friend lately. He ignores me, and if there's anything that makes me hopping mad it's ignorance."

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STOP & THINK — FIRST

By RUTH TAYLOR

There is one and only one way to stop any and all hate stories, rumors, and malicious gossip — whether they be directed at political parties or individuals, labor or industry, Blacks or Whites, Protestants, Catholics or Jews.

It is a job that is up to you and me, to each and everyone of us who believes in the brotherhood of man and the democratic way of life. We can't alibi nor shirk the task. The only person to do it is the individual himself.

"If you can't write it and sign it—don't say it" should be our slogan. I cribbed that sentence from an article written by Robert Butler, shipbuilder in Duluth, because I think it is just plain horse sense. It is easy, practical and what is more to the point, it will do the job.

Of course if people adhered to it, there would be many moments of silence—which we could all survive without hardship. Most people talk too much anyway. I know I do.

Test the idea on yourself. I've found that a good way to counteract rash statements is to say to the speakers, "That's very interesting. Let me write it down. I know you won't mind if I quote you but I want to be sure I get it just straight." Well, what happens is that the final statement isn't even as reasonable as the original.

Listen to your own conversation some time. How much of it would you be willing to sign? Precious little, I bet. If you aren't willing to back up your own charges, don't make them. If you aren't willing to stand by what you say, don't say it.

Put that slogan into practice and the result will be that you'll make only accurate statements. You will not exaggerate. You will not show prejudice. You will not allow your personal feelings to color your speech.

And what will that mean to you? You'll develop a reputation for accuracy, for logic, for reasoned speech—because you will tend to understate, rather than overstate. You know how you judge the opinions of others, how you respect the man who is always proven right. You may not be as assertive a conversationalist, but you will be one to whom people will listen and whom they'll quote because they know you're dependable.

"If you can't write it and sign it—don't say it." Let's make that our personal motto. It really works.

F. D. R. Hits OPA Bill But Will Not Veto It

Washington, D. C.—President Roosevelt announced he would sign the bill extending price control with great misgiving because he considered some of the amendments adopted by Congress likely to have an inflationary effect.

AFL President William Green urged the President to send a "strong statement" to Congress condemning these amendments which lift controls from a number of basic elements in the cost of living and cripple OPA enforcement procedures. He assailed particularly amendments which would invite a "stampede of petitions for rent increases."

While conceding that the bill, as passed, would create a "lot of problems," OPA Administrator Bowles somewhat optimistically expressed confidence in the ability of the Government to "hold the price line." He pointed out that the worst of the proposed amendments had been defeated by Congress.

Corsi Opens Drive Against Child Labor

New York City.—Industrial Commissioner Edward Corsi appealed to mayors of 62 cities throughout New York State to join with him in a one-week campaign to stem a rising tide of child-labor violations, which he reported rose to more than 7,000 since the first of the year.

Urging the mayors to take the lead in forming community groups representing civic, welfare, labor and employer organizations, Mr. Corsi promised that if they pursued the educational end, he would deal effectively with those found guilty of "outright defiance and callous exploitation of child labor."