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best wishes to advertisers, subscrib-
ers and friends for a prosperous New
Year.

NEED FOR SKILLED WORKERS

A large increase in skilled-worker
personnel for industry will be de-
manded in the near future, says a
survey report published by the U. S.
Office of Education, Federal Security
Agency.The demand has grown up out of
the new developments in electronics,
air transportation and automobile de-
sign, as well as the creation of im-
proved materials for textile, food and
construction uses, the survey states.
Modern industry now needs 5 trained
workers for every professional engi-
neer. The needed men fall into four
categories: engineering and science
aides in specialties such as drafting
and laboratory work, who require a
year or more of training; inspectors,
who can be trained in less time; pro-
duction and maintenance supervisors,
who need experience plus training;
and salesmen, accountants and similar
workers whose efficiency is greatly
increased if they have had training
added to their experience, FSA re-
ports.The survey recommended labor and
industrial cooperative planning for
local training programs, the estab-
lishment of a credential that can be-
come accepted in industry as evidence
of skilled-work training, and more
opportunities for study in which the
worker would spend part-time, in
training school and part in the related
industrial work.Organized labor has shown that it
recognizes the need for increased
training of skilled workers, especially
in new industries, a notable example
being the electronics school recently
opened in Milwaukee by the Inter-
national Brotherhood of Electrical
Workers.GREAT RESPONSIBILITY ON
LABORWe of labor have an immense re-
sponsibility at this critical time. Our

COMMENT ON WORLD EVENTS

German's savage counterattacks on
the western front and disquieting po-
litical events in Europe have made
Americans uneasy and uncertain of
the future.There is every confidence that the
German onslaught, though initially
successful and apparently a surprise
to the Allied High Command, will be
contained and beaten. Before these
words are in print, the Germans may
have been held, if not turned back.
But other events, such as the propo-
sed partition of Poland and internal un-
rest and fighting in Belgium, Greece
and other countries will continue to
cause uneasiness.Russia plans, with seeming British
acquiescence, to divide Poland and
"recompense" her by slices of Ger-
man territory, has come in for harsh
criticism, not only here but in Great
Britain. It is safe to say that most
Americans are bewildered and resent-
ful over the turn of Polish affairs and
agree with William Green in express-
ing the hope that the United States
"will say 'no' to those who seek to
apportion the territory of Poland."President Green, voicing American
Federation of Labor views, told a
meeting of the American Labor Con-
ference on International Affairs in
New York that "in waging this war
we have been inspired by noble ideas
and high purposes.""Surely," he added, "we are not
going to engage now in invading the
territorial rights of men and women
living in countries which fought and
suffered so much." Asking Ameri-
cans to remember their history, he
pointed out that the partitioning of
national territory, whenever
and wherever it has occurred, has "sown
the seeds of another war."Newspaper accounts of the confer-
ence said that this portion of Green's
talk was not part of his prepared
text and was delivered extemporane-
ously, but emphasized that it reflect-responsibility is the greater because
compulsory manpower controls have
been repudiated and the task of help-
ing to supply workers to jobs by vol-
untary methods has been left square-
ly on our shoulders.Our immediate duty is twofold: (1)
For those of us who have essential
war jobs our responsibility is to stay
on the job and give our best work.
Even if this means a sacrifice, the
cost is small compared to what the
boys are giving in battle. (2) For
those of us whose skills are not be-
ing used to the utmost in war work,
our duty is to get from our inter-
national unions and the Employment
Service or Manpower offices infor-
mation on where workers are needed in
war work and move to these war-vital
jobs if we possibly can. The union has
a duty as well as individual workers.
—AFY Monthly Survey.

CRITICAL YEAR AHEAD

There is no doubt that 1945 will
be a grave, a solemn and a critical
year. At this crossroads in the world's
history, we know that we must fight
not only for a victory of arms, but
for a victory of ideas as well.Free trade unions, by their very
nature, are the implacable enemies of
dictatorship and injustice. And to as-
sure a future of freedom, the Ameri-
can Federation of Labor in this New
Year will strive to strengthen and
rebuild the free labor movements of
the world.—Matthew Woll.ed the feeling of distrust of power
politics that permeated all sessions
of the conference.Matthew Woll, another AFL speak-
er in discussing obstacles to peace,
condemned "our liberal 'realists'"
who are "violently attacking Great
Britain for her policy in Greece and
Belgium," but "have never uttered
a word in opposition to the interven-
tion of Russia in the internal affairs
of Poland, Rumania and Bulgaria." He
also assailed Communist disruption
in liberated Europe as injurious
to the war effort.The "Communist disruption" has
been most violent and conspicuous in
Greece, where the British have been
waging sanguinary war in support of
the Greek government and against
forces of the ELAS Leftist movement,
alleged to be Communist led and in-
spired. The British intervention has
drawn the sharpest kind of denuncia-
tion in the House of Commons and
from British leaders. British families
whose sons have been killed in the
Greek civil war must be wondering
why they had to die in that way and
why they have not been fighting the
Germans.That the European mess is causing
grave misgivings even among strong
supporters of the policy of the United
Nations in this country is shown by
the warning of Senator Ball of Min-
nesota, outstanding champion of col-
lective security, that British and Rus-
sian policies are endangering world
peace."The unilateral political decisions
made in liberated Europe by great
powers on the allied side, if they con-
tinue, may do irreparable harm to the
whole cause of collective security en-
visaged in the Dumbarton Oaks pro-
posals," Ball said and criticized the
United States and the other big pow-
ers for not making their positions
clear.

WHAT NEXT?

Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd.,
recently announced in London develop-
ment of a new synthetic wool fiber
from peanuts, readily adaptable to
mixture with real wool, cotton and
rayon for the manufacture of inex-
pensive textiles. It was predicted the
new fiber would yield warm, moth-
proof clothing from peanuts for mil-
lions who could not afford real wool.

WISDOM

If one advances confidently in the
direction of his dreams, and endeavors
to live the life which he has imagi-
ned, he will meet with success un-
expected in common hours.—Henry
David Thoreau.RAIL STRIKE AIDS
FIGHT ON NAZISWashington, D. C. (ILNS).—Re-
ferring to the general railway strike
which began Sept. 17 in German-oc-
cupied Holland as "heroic," the pub-
lication Trade Union World said it had
effectively contributed to success of
Allied military operations, the Nether-
lands Information Bureau reported."It is now known," the publication
said, "that in all Nazi-occupied coun-
tries underground resistance has been
much greater than public opinion in
free countries had dared to hope. . . ."When the history of these indi-
vidual or collective acts of bravery
which cost hundreds of thousands of
lives on the European continent alone
is written, the heroic general strike of
Netherlands' railwaymen will have a
prominent place . . ."One thing is certain—the Nether-
lands railwaymen, their families and
the population as a whole have by
their heroic unflinching attitude effec-
tively contributed to the success of
Allied military operations of the Maas
battle, although the price of their
heroism has been a heavy one."THREE NEW OFFICERS
NAMED BY MACHINISTSWashington, D. C.—Three changes
in the official family of the Interna-
tional Association of Machinists high-
lighted a special meeting of the Ma-
chinists' executive council held in
Washington. The council unanimously
confirmed the three appointments
made by President Harvey W. Brown.
Vice President Eric Peterson was
named secretary-treasurer to succeed
the late Emmett C. Davison, who died
three weeks ago after serving in the
position for 27 years.Samuel L. Newman, one of the union's
two temporary additional war-time
vice presidents, fills Peterson's
vacancy as a regular vice president,
and A. J. Hayes, Machinists' grand
lodge representative at Milwaukee,
was elevated to Newman's former po-
sition.

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The War Department forwarded the above photograph of the flying fortress to Charles E. Sinnigen, Chairman of the War Bond and Stamp Committee of the New York State Federation of Labor and Secretary of the Central Union Label Council of Greater New York. The Committee carried on a successful campaign in which \$600,000 in War Bonds were sold. Mr. Sinnigen and the Committee were congratulated for their outstanding achievement by I. M. Ornburn, Secretary-Treasurer of the Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor.

New Social Security Plan
Promised By FDR As He
Signs Tax Rate Freeze

Washington, D. C. — President Roosevelt "reluctantly" approved the controversial legislation freezing the social security pay-roll tax at 1 per cent for another year.

At the same time he promised to submit soon a "comprehensive plan for broadening and improving the social security system" for action by the next Congress.

The President's statement said: "Two matters should be clearly understood. The Congress should realize that this bill, deferring a statutory increase in contributions toward existing social security, merely defers until next year the necessary fiscal receipts to pay the benefits. Also, it does not seem to me wholly sound to enact a tax law and then defer the taxes year after year.

"The public will understand that as a nation we are committed to social security and will undoubtedly increase and not decrease its benefits. Already some other nations have a larger degree of social security than we. This bill in no way modifies the benefits provided by the present law. But it will be incumbent upon the next Congress thoroughly to review the methods of financing them.

"At an early date I plan to submit to the Congress a comprehensive plan for broadening and improving the social security system. At that time I hope that a clear understanding of the government's financial responsibilities for social security will emerge and that a long-term plan for allocating the costs of social security will be developed. The executive branch of the government will always stand ready to assist the Congress in working out a satisfactory solution."

"Are we going to try out young Roberts for the football squad?" asked the captain.

"No," replied the coach; "anybody who can spell such words as plenipotentiary, erysipelas, and plebiscite is no good as a football player."



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For All Postal Workers

Washington, D. C. (ILNS).—The House, with only one vote in opposition, approved a bill to increase postal workers' pay.

It approved and sent to the Senate legislation adding \$400 annually to the base pay of regular employees. It

also provides a 23 per cent boost for fourth-class postmasters, special delivery messengers and part-time workers. A similar increase is provided third-class postmasters for clerk hire. The bill replaces a temporary \$300 raise that expires next June 30.

The bill is backed by the National Federation of Post Office Clerks and other A.F.L. postal workers' unions.

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