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MEMBER OF OUR UNION  
ESTABLISHES 18 RECORDS  
WITH "LABOR NEWS REVIEW"

An old and respected member of Office Employees Union, No. 11773, Albert N. Dennis, is scheduled to begin this month his ninth consecutive year of broadcasting the now famous "Labor News Review," over Station WJSV of the Columbia Broadcasting System. It is currently heard every Saturday evening at 6:30.

Members of our union have long been interested in the "Labor News Review" and many make it a point to hear the program regularly. All are proud of the fact that a member of our union originated a virile labor program, which pioneered the way for several good labor programs that are now heard on various radio stations. Especially are we proud of the fact that Brother Dennis has been enabled to go on and establish 18 different records with the "Labor News Review." Among these are: the oldest labor program in the world still presented in its original form; the oldest continuously presented weekly program of any kind in America (416 weeks without missing); the oldest program continuously presented in Washington; the most extensively quoted weekly program of any kind in America; the largest regular listening audience of any speaking program of any kind on any station in Washington; the largest audience of government executives and general government employees of any program heard in Washington, not excepting those prepared especially for government employees; it has had more distinguished guests than any weekly program in America (over 300)—and so on, for a total of 18 distinctive records. Of outstanding importance just now is the fact that material used on the "Labor News Review" was recently selected for regular use in England.

Albert N. Dennis, who originated this program and is still its director and commentator, has been a labor writer and editor since 1912 and interested in radio since its practical development in 1921. After serving as news editor for our splendid local labor newspaper, "The

## Green Calls OEU National Conference

*Scheduled for July 28 at Palmer House in Chicago*

On June 22 President William Green of the A. F. of L. issued a call for a national conference of all office employe unions at the Palmer House in Chicago, commencing at 10 A.M. July 28, 1942.

In issuing the conference call President Green pointed out that the conference is being scheduled in conformity with the action taken by the Seattle convention of the A. F. of L. last October. In his call President Green urged all OEU locals to send a duly accredited delegate, and he pointed out that resolutions and administrative proposals may be submitted by the delegates in attendance at the conference.

The purpose of the conference as pointed out by President Green is as follows:

**"This conference is called for the purpose of reorganizing the American Federation of Office Workers International Council, dealing with the administrative affairs of said council, considering ways and means by which practical and successful organizing work may be carried on among office workers, and acting upon measures designed to promote the economic, industrial and social interests of the membership of office workers unions."**

This conference affords an opportunity to all OEU locals to be represented at a meeting called for the purpose of reorganizing our International Council and to deal with the many problems that face all locals in their efforts to extend and promote the organization of white collar workers under the A. F. of L. banner.

All locals should take advantage of the opportunity afforded them by this conference to get together and plan a constructive program for our common benefit. President Green has wisely chosen Chicago for this conference, thus affording to all locals an opportunity to be represented without requiring undue traveling and other expenses.

The complete text of President Green's call for this conference appears on page 2.

It is up to us to take full advantage of the opportunities which the conference affords, and to see to it that our respective delegates are chosen wisely, and that they will be prepared to take an active and constructive part in laying the foundation at this conference for a strong, solid, and business-like structure upon which we can collectively work toward the establishment of our own international union.

No local should pass up the opportunity of being directly represented at this conference even if it is necessary to take up a collection to meet the delegates expenses, or even if it is necessary for the delegate to "do some hitch-hiking" to get to Chicago by July 28.



PRESIDENT WILLIAM GREEN

Trades Unionist," for nearly five years, he went on the CBS Washington staff as a news editor. He is at present commentator on labor, industry and related economics for WJSV-CBS and news editor on general news for both the station and the Washington office of the system.

Meetings and other activities of our union have often been reported on the "Labor News Review" and many of the objectives of our organization have been effectively publicized. As Brother Dennis begins his ninth successful year with his "Labor News Review," the officers and members of our union join in offering congratulations and all good wishes."

### UNION LABEL DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

The directory of firms and establishments handling union label goods and services is now available. This directory, published by the Washington Union Label League, should prove a helpful guide in the purchase of goods and services.

Copies are being supplied to all of our shop stewards. Any member interested in consulting this directory or in obtaining a copy of it should see the shop steward of his office or get in touch with our business agent, Bob Prohey.

# Are You Buying War Bonds Regularly?

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## MEMBERS PURCHASE WAR BONDS

The payroll deduction method of purchasing War Bonds by our members employed by the American Federation of Labor was inaugurated March 6, 1942.

Purchases for the first 10 weeks amounted to \$3,200. Further, a number of employes reported that they had previously arranged to buy War Bonds regularly through other sources, and it is estimated that such purchases amounted to approximately \$1,000.

The second series of 10-week deductions proved increasingly popular, and purchases amounted to \$4,750.

Therefore, the total amount of War Bonds purchased by our members employed in the A. F. of L. office since March 6 to date totals \$7,950, with approximately \$2,000 additional subscribed by other methods.

A number of employes not participating in these first two series of deductions have indicated their intention to participate in the third issue, which will commence July 24.

War stamps are also on sale at A. F. of L. headquarters for the convenience of office employes, and since March 20 to date a total of \$520 worth of stamps have been purchased by employes.

## LOCAL BUYS ANOTHER BOND

At our regular June meeting the membership adopted a recommendation of the Executive Committee that the Local purchase another \$100 War Bond. This additional bond was bought on June 11 and brings to a total of \$200 the War Bonds owned by our Union.

Informal surveys indicate that about 93 percent of our members employed by the International Association of Machinists and 81 percent of our members at A. F. of L. headquarters have bought bonds. What's the percentage at your office?

## MEMBERS WIN JACKPOT

At our regular meeting on May 5 Irene Boyce of the Plumbers', won \$2 in defense stamps, and on Tuesday, June 2, our last meeting, Lillian Loeb of the Zionists', was the winner of the jackpot.

You will have a chance to win this jackpot of \$2 in defense stamps if you come to the next meeting on Tuesday, July 7.

## NEWS FROM OTHER LOCALS

### Kansas City Local Negotiates Increase

Local 14268 at Kansas City, Mo., reports that it was successful in negotiating increases for its members employed in the headquarters office of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen. Members receiving the minimum rate in the contract were increased \$4 per week and those receiving more than the minimum wage received a \$3 weekly increase.

### Increases Won at Mississippi Power Co.

A. F. of L. Organizer Douglas reports the negotiation of a contract between O.E.U. Locals 22594 and 22538 and the Mississippi Power Co. at Gulfport and Meridian, Miss. Brother Douglas states, "This contract means an increase of \$10 for each employe at once and in 6 months another increase of \$5 and in some cases \$10 more."

## MEMBERS REQUESTED TO REPORT ON BOND PURCHASES

The June meeting instructed President Hutchings to keep a record of the War Bonds being purchased by our members and to report on this to the Central Labor Union and the A. F. of L.

In accordance with the action of the June meeting, all members are requested to fill out the statement at the bottom of this page of THE LETTER and turn it over to their shop steward or mail it directly to President Hutchings at our office—208 National Union Building. No signature is necessary—merely indicate the total amount of War Bonds and Stamps which you have purchased and the office in which you are employed.

All members are requested to cooperate promptly so that the A. F. of L. and Central Labor Union can be supplied with this information.

What has your local been doing recently? Let us help spread your progress reports to all O.E.U. locals through our "Letter"!

PAUL R. HUTCHINGS, President,  
Office Employees Union, No. 11773,  
208 National Union Bldg.,  
Washington, D. C.

I am a member of the Union employed in the office of \_\_\_\_\_

As of \_\_\_\_\_ I have purchased a

DATE

total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ worth of War Bonds and Stamps.

## President Green's Letter

Washington, D. C., June 22, 1942.

To the Officers and Members of The Office Employees Local Unions Affiliated with the American Federation of Labor  
Dear Sirs and Brothers:

A conference of the representatives of all office workers local unions is being called to meet at the Palmer House, Chicago, Ill., at 10 A.M., on Tuesday, July 28, 1942.

This conference is called for the purpose of reorganizing the American Federation of Office Workers International Council, dealing with the administrative affairs of said council, considering ways and means by which practical and successful organizing work may be carried on among office workers, and acting upon measures designed to promote the economic, industrial and social interests of the membership of office workers unions.

Resolutions and administrative proposals may be submitted by the delegates in attendance at the conference for consideration and action.

This conference is being called in conformity with action taken by the convention of the American Federation of Labor which was held in Seattle, Wash., during October, 1941, and in accordance with subsequent action taken by the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor.

Your local union is requested to send a duly accredited delegate to the conference. Arrange for your local union to elect a delegate to represent your union in this meeting. Let the certificate of election which includes the name of the delegate selected to attend the conference be signed by the officers of your local union. Have your elected delegate bring the credential with him.

The basis of representation in the conference shall be in accordance with section 1 of Article IV of the constitution of the American Federation of Labor which provides for representation of federal labor unions and local unions in conventions of the American Federation of Labor. Questions coming before the conference will be determined in accordance with section 3 of Article IV of the constitution of the American Federation of Labor. These two sections provide that federal labor unions and local unions shall be represented by one delegate, and that questions coming before the convention may be decided by a show of hands or by a roll call vote in case a roll call is decided upon by one-tenth of the delegates present.

The American Federation of Labor will bear the incidental expenses of the meeting. Your local union, however, will be required to pay the salary and expenses of the delegate you select to attend the meeting.

The conference will be held in Room 14, fourth floor, in the Palmer House, Chicago, Ill., and will convene at 10 A.M., on Tuesday, July 28, 1942.

We earnestly request that your local union elect a delegate and be represented through said delegate at this conference.

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM GREEN, President,  
American Federation of Labor.

Attest:

GEORGE MEANY, Secretary-Treasurer,  
American Federation of Labor.

**NEXT**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday, July 7, 1942**  
**8:00 P. M.**  
Chantilly Room  
**HAMILTON HOTEL**  
**\$2 War Stamp Jackpot**