EDITORIAL

OUR DEFENSE PROGRAM

When necessary, the American working people, the free American workers, have always been found ready to make sacrifices for the defense of our country. Our working people always help the defense of our country voluntarily, they never hesitate like some big business people, who sometimes are guaranteed a fat profit before their patriotism comes to the fore.

A great example of this true patriotism was given by our Union Brothers of the Trolley Department, who gladly sacrificed their vacations for the American Defense Program.

The need for a strong defense for our country has been instilled by organized labor for several years, and this is where our complaint problem comes in. We have been trying for 7 years to bring that a country, with the great natural resources of any country on earth, and eleven million unemployed, is a dangerous situation that can happen to any part of our nation. This is the most vulnerable spot where the 7th Column can best strike and promote this the revolt of our defense.

History has proven that the sacrifice of unemployment, who have the least to lose, are more effective in the eyes of other people who feel real, well placed, and well justified, with a voice in their government, to have a stake in their country, they cannot represent part of their country, and such people are not likely to be elected, either from the inside or the outside.

There are a few optimistic sensations who claim that the present political situation will bring the unemployment problem, these are those who feel that the defense program will absorb approximately two million of the unemployed, and that still will have millions more.

Organized labor has offered a solution for this problem, by urging a shorter work week without a reduction in pay or purchasing power. This, of course, would entail a few new approaches to our economy, and the sacrifice of the same sacrifice as the part of our business, but today the only way of cutting the costs is to cut prices, and not a sacrifice. This would not have to be as much toward comparatively and productive expansion. This sacrifice could be achieved by the further advanced industrial planning. The organized corporate officials and the union officers could be well served by this; it would be a great protection against the organ of our Defense Program.

However, regardless of how cold others feel about these matters, speaking for our broad Union membership, we are strong members, not hard and fast, working people of these United States, who are now ready to make any sacrifice to defend our country. As long as this country is the last to serve the interest of the government, and take away from the freedom of speech, freedom of worship, and the freedom to live a Union of our own choosing.

For these principles we are ready to make the supreme sacrifice, if necessary, for them life is not worth living.

Horrible Thought

What would happen if the executives of a money-making corporation should find themselves under the gun of their hard-earned apostate to union negotiations?