

enviable record in this respect made in our State in recent months. With all the vast war contracts upon which our plants are working, and with the utter necessity for getting the planes and ships and other vital equipment to our men promptly, no time can be lost—and no time will be lost!

In years to come, when the menace of our freedom has been destroyed, and labor again is free to enjoy to the fullest its justly-won gains, the people of Maryland, particularly those affiliated with Organized Labor, will be able to look back with deepest satisfaction upon the loyal, effective contribution Labor here, and elsewhere, is making in this all-out battle for Democracy.

If written evidence were needed, the newspapers of yesterday and today alone would bear conclusive testimony to Labor's efficiency and glowing patriotism in this hour of crisis. Yesterday we were told of the almost unbelievable production records that have been set in plants in every section of the Country, as shown by a survey by Newspaperman Ben H. Miller, whose untimely and deeply regretted death was announced this morning. It is memorable that his last, and one of his most important stories, was a tribute to the patriotism of American Labor.

This morning Labor made the front pages of the papers, through the action of more than half a million shipworkers in agreeing to relinquish \$75,000,000 to \$100,000,000 in wage increases. Here is practical patriotism, indeed. Here is the kind of loyalty that has made of America the great Nation it is, the kind of loyalty that will preserve its freedoms, and strengthen them for posterity.

As Chief Executive of your State, I am expressing the sentiments of our people generally when I say, "Well done, Labor! Keep up the good fight, until once again, through the efforts of our soldiers on the firing line and the production line, peace may be restored to America and to the world—a just peace that will be enduring—a peace that will bring to Labor and to all our people enjoyment of those priceless American freedoms that are worth all the toil and sacrifices we are now called upon to make."