Prohibition

Int'l Union of United Brewery, Flour, Cereal, and Soft Drink Workers

OF AMERICA

WITH JURISDICTION OVER

Malt, Grain Elevator, Yeast, Vinegar, Alcohol,
Wine, Cider, Cereal Beverage, and
Mineral Water Workers

AS GRANTED BY THE

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:

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Cincinnati, Ohio, January 4th, 1919.

Hon. R. M. Guy,
House of Representatives,
Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Sir:

The coming session of the Legislature will have under consideration the ratification of the Federal Constitutional Prohibition Amendment.

You will be called upon to either endorse or refuse to endorse this Amendment.

We herewith submit for your earnest consideration the following facts:

"Two hundred thousand workers, who now support one million of our population, in our line of industrial activity, through the International Union of United Brewery, Flour, Cereal and Soft Drink Workers, its locals and its individual members, have during the period of the war done anything and everything to uphold the American Nation and to strengthen the arm of the American Government.

Twenty-eight hundred and fifty-eight of our younger members have entered the ranks of the army and navy. Hundreds of them have bled and died upon the field of honor.

Nationally, locally and individually we have bought Liberty Bonds, War Savings and Thrift Stamps; many millions of dollars worth, and we are still holding them.

With open hands, we and our families have nationally, locally and individually contributed to every war work, Red Cross and all other activities, that was requested of us.

And all of this we have done under the most harassing and discouraging conditions, so far as our industry was concerned. We were curtailed in our ability to earn a living by the restrictions of the Food and Fuel conditions placed upon our industry. To this we submitted, as was our patriotic duty.

We were harassed in a most ignominious manner by a group of bigoted fanatics, who strove to inject matters of individual conscience into the politics of our country and destroy our means of livelihood. That we have resented strenuously, but in a dignified manner.

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Now victory has been won. Our boys are soon to return to us. They will ask us to restore them their means of making an honest living in an industry to which they were accustomed.

Under these circumstances, is our industry not entitled to a fair and square consideration? Is it not time that our industry, like any other industry, be restored to pre-war conditions?

The conditions confronting us now by unemployment will force our organizations and our members to dissipate the millions of dollars, which we invested in war securities, and which we earnestly strive to preserve for our and the country's good.

Many of our membership have their savings invested in banks, savings banks and trust companies, and many are depositing in building and loan associations and paying for their homes in regular installments. These will be unable to continue their payments and they will lose their homes".

We ask you to interest yourself in our cause, and help us to obtain the same consideration which is due to every loyal citizen of this land.

We urge you to use your influence individually and collectively to prevent the ratification; to prevent the establishment of a precedent of consfication of property without compensation and due process of law; to prevent the forcing out of employment of almost One Million men, at a time when millions will be idle and have to seek employment; to prevent the curtailment of individual rights and liberties always held sacred by the Anglo-Saxon race.

Trusting that our appeal to you may not be in vain, and with the compliments of the season, we remain,

Respectfully yours,

The International Union of United Brewery, Flour,
Cereal & Soft Drink Workers of America.

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