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A CALL - JOIN AND SUPPORT THE UNION

The crisis of the past, tangled up with side issues, misunderstandings and attempts to gain personal-party favors and advantages has passed. Fortunately for us — The Bar Tenders and Waiters Union — serious labor trouble has been obviated, but a great deal of misgivings have been aroused. This should lead to the conclusion that it is high time for those Bar Tenders and Waiters, Soft drink stands, and Restaurant employees, who have not as yet allied themselves with the union to do so without further delay, also those inactive-neglectful members to gain affiliate and devote their best efforts to real constructive work to help build up a better union. We cannot afford under present day circumstances the luxury of personal antipathy or of party animosity; we want the unified energy and interest of all those who are willing to play a part in finding solutions to the difficult problems which must be faced from time to time. All the good intentions and money in the world cannot provide the right answer to many of the questions which we must settle, therefore, each member should make it a point of duty and see to it that the interest of the union be placed above self-lending all assistance possible to satisfactorily accomplish every situation brought to its attention for adjustment and or settlement.

It must be made clear, that we will not tolerate the waste of time and effort involved in petty differences and wranglings which, in the end, create discord and dissensions — no benefit to any member or the union as a whole. One of the first and most important things is to put a stop to action and discussion which serve only to divide and keep open the unhealed wounds of party feelings. Only a united effort will make it possible to draw up and put into effect a practical policy calculated to remove or at least to reduce the several ills from which we suffer. That gigantic task will, of course, absorb for some time to come all voluntary service which members can give to their union.

There is surely no necessity to await the preparation of some would-be opportunity before tackling some of the simple, practical jobs which are in sight and which cry aloud for immediate action.

There is no gain saying that all persons to whom the Union caters are sane and sober-minded, that they realize that they will get nowhere in the run by being PERCHERS, ONLOOKERS, FENCE CLIMBERS, BENCH WARMERS, and BROWBEATERS. In short, PARASITES, reaping and enjoying that which they did not sow or help to sow, but the contrary, living on the good will and sucking the life blood of their fellow workers who have labored and toiled to keep the union in operation. A mean and unprincipled policy of which any decent person should be ashamed. Let's be up and doing, and not be either of those cited herein. Let us get to work and do something practical. The more our number the better the march to progress. Go talk to that non-member. You know him (her) and see to it that he and she become a member. Influence that neglectful-inactive member to return to the active membership roll without delay.

The present official staff is doing all possible to put the Union in the fore-front. Your help is needed. Can you be depended on? Now, please, do please don't be a slacker. Come across.

BAR WOMEN'S PROBLEM

In the Spanish Editorial of the Obrero of the 26th March, 1945, reference was made to women being employed as Bar Tenders and Waitresses in certain establishments, and in particular to an article which appeared in the "BOLETIN" of December, 1944, on the same subject; disclosing the clandestine practice adopted by many of these women employees, in that; when they are questioned as to the nature of their employment, would reply: "WE ARE CASHIERS." In this connection, it must be stated that upon a recent investigation made, it was discovered that with the exception of a few, these women referred to, use the "CASHIER" business as a blind, while they actually are performing duties as Bar Tenders and Waiters.

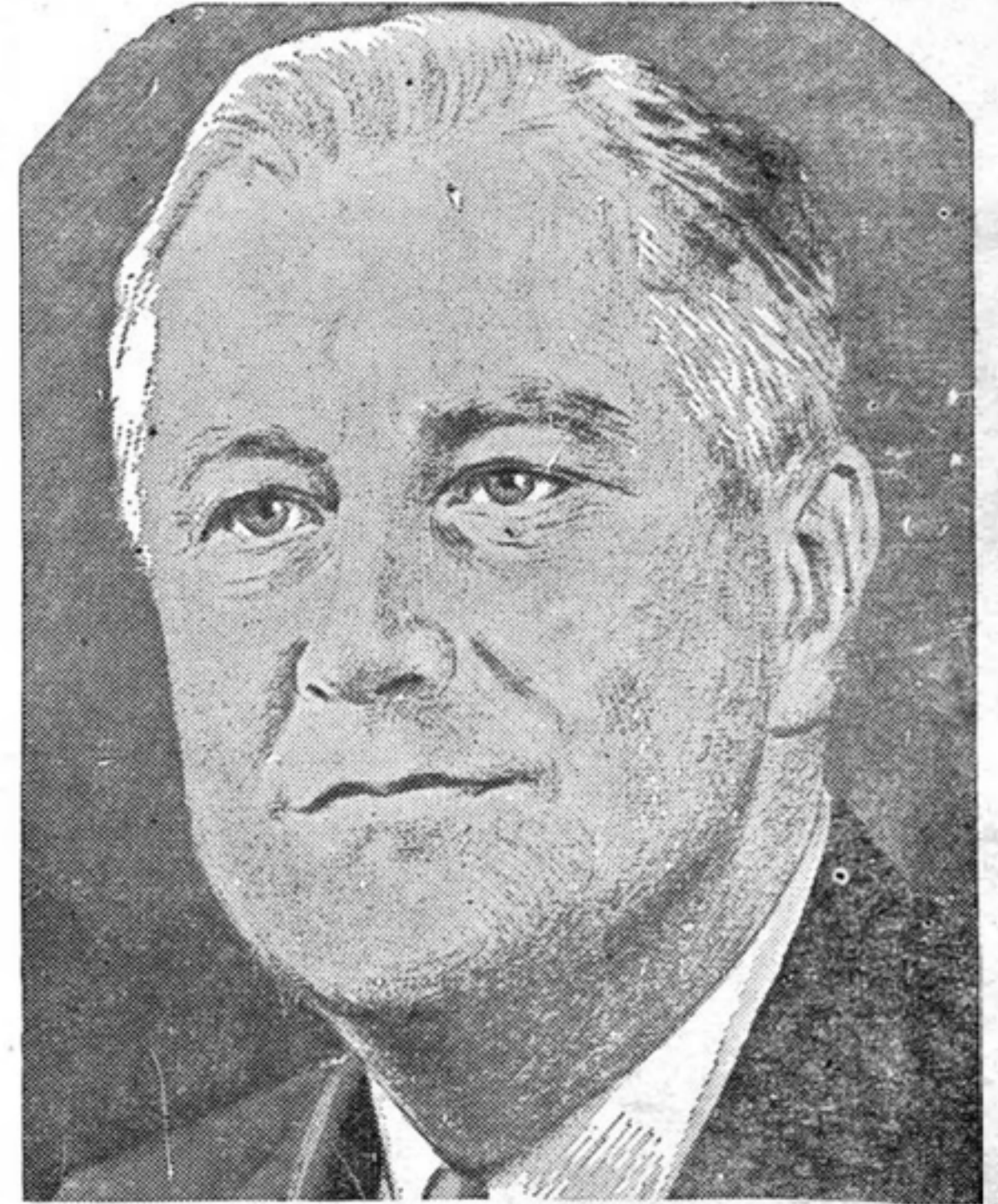
It is understood that the Honorable Alcalde of this City, has issued a decree which precludes the employment of women in the referred to positions, and on this issue, the Board of Directors of the Bar Tenders and Waiters Union, on the 10th instant, interviewed the Alcalde who promised to give the matter due consideration and attention, and it is hoped that in the not too distant future something tangible and satisfactory to all concerned will be brought about.

While it is the policy of the Union that every individual should earn a livelihood, it cannot condone women filling jobs that should actually be filled by men who are available, and it is the expressed purpose of the Union to see to it that jobs are filled by the proper persons when available. It will entertain no objection to women being employed as entertainers—attraction for the establishments in which they are employed as much, thereby benefitting both themselves and the proprietors of such establishments.

A Word Of Praise To The Management Of The El Rancho Garden

While it is not the policy of this paper to single out any particular establishment in praise of service rendered, we would, however, not be doing justice should we fail to make mention of Mr. Bob Harris, Manager of the El Rancho, for the efficient and excellent service given patrons of his establishment, and the kindly treatment of his employees. One would have to travel far and wide to obtain equal service, and we commend this establishment to the public and recommend that a visit be made thereto in order to be convinced.

We understand that beer on "tap" will be available at the garden within the next ten days. Drop in and have a few glasses of this cooling and refreshing drink.



THE LATE FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT,

The most shocking and startling of all news of the season was that of the untimely passing of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt of the United States of North America, which sad event was recorded on the afternoon of Thursday, the 12th instant.

On this occasion, the officers and Members of the Bar Tenders and Waiters Union, beg to extend to the bereaved family and relatives as well as the citizens of the United States of North America, their heartfelt, deep and profun sorrow over the ir-

reparable loss suffered by them, and pray that God in his infinite goodness and mercy Who saw it fit to remove from this sphere this beloved son, will comfort them in this their hour of grief; knowing that He giveth and He taketh. His will must be done.

His every deed and action as well as his illustrious self shall be of unfading and lasting memory to the Bar Tenders and Waiters Union, and not unlike the Union, to every Panamanian and Foreigner of the Isthmus of Panama.

THE BARTENDERS AND WAITERS UNION OF COLON BEGIN ACTIVITIES

It is understood that the Bar Tenders and Waiters Union of the City of Colon has, for some time since, ceased operation for reason with which we are not quite familiar. Inasmuch as we of the Bar Tenders and Waiters Union of Panama City are deeply interested in the welfare of the Colon Union, therefore, we have under consideration the advisability of a few of our Executive Officers tripping over to the Atlantic Side in the very near future with a view of seeing to whether there is a possibility (which we believe) of that union again placed in operation. The date of such trip will be announced in due course of time. In the interim, any member of the Colon Union who desires to do so, can communicate with us, by addressing such communication to: "Bar Tenders and Waiters Union, P. O. Box 3127, Panama City, R. P." The office of the Union is situated on the third floor of house No. 103, Central Avenue, telephone No. 2151-L. We shall be very glad to render any assistance and give all helpful advice requested.

While on this subject, it is suggested that persons who had

held membership in the Colon Union will be accepted to such in our Union by complying with the Union's stated stipulations incident to becoming a member. Information in the premises will be immediately supplied upon request therefor.

Knowledge has been gleaned from both a reliable and unimpeachable source that a good many employers on the Atlantic Side have, and are still complying with the provisions of the labor laws, however, there are a few who are not giving adherence thereto. This later condition can be corrected without any and no trouble as was done recently here in Panama City.

Our object is to organize all workers in the Republic of Panama that are eligible for membership in the Union, and to this end, it is imperative that such workers exert all effort and become a member of the Union.

We must be sufficiently strong to form a solid front.

Now is the time to unite! Will you not then join up? Let us hear from you — We want you to share with us all the rights and privileges, also, any benefit that may accrue.