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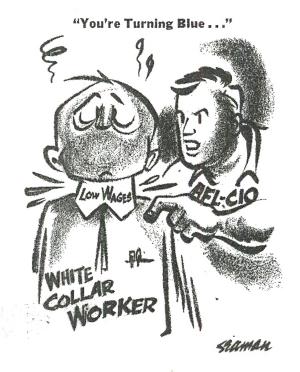
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Overtime pay for overtime work Hey, Mr. Congressman, hey! We'll never quit and we'll never shirk Hey, Mr. Congressman, raise our pay!

Pay, pay, overtime pay We'll work all night and we'll work all day! We'll work 'till we chase all the fascists away Hey, Mr. Congressman, raise our pay.

Overtime pay for overtime work Hey, Mr. Congressman, hey! Don't stuff reaction inside your shirt Hey, Mr. Congressman, raise our pay!

Overtime pay for overtime work Hey, Mr. Congressman, hey! We wanna work the American way Time and a half's the American way!

Overtime pay for overtime work Hey, Mr. Congressman, hey! We'll work like horses but we can't eat hay Hey, Mr. Congressman, raise our pay!

I looked over Jordan and what did I see Hey, Mr. Congressman, hey! Twenty-nine creditors a-chasin' after me Hey, Mr. Congressman, raise our pay!

Overtime pay for overtime work
Hey, Mr. Congressman, hey!
The cost of living's risin' like the temperature in May
It's gettin' awful hot!
It's gettin awful hot Mr. Congressman - ain't it!

Overtime pay for overtime work Hey, Mr. Congressman, hey! You can ration our rubber, you can ration our sugar, You can ration our gas, you can ration our girdles, But you can't ration morale in the O.P.A.!<sup>1</sup>

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