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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.!

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