

# Claims Bible Forbids Signing NRA Code



**M**USKOGEE, OKLA., Aug. 2. —(AP)—Ven Martin, a dry cleaner, says the Bible forbids him to sign the national recovery agreement.

“It was foretold 1900 years ago that one should not sign this agreement,” he asserted tonight. “The Bible prohibits signing it.”

“I will abide by any agreement as to hours and wages but I’ll not sign the contract. The 13th chapter of Revelations says that anyone signing this is marked by the sign of the beast.”

“‘And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the number of the beast or the number of his name.’”

Other cleaners to whom Martin had expounded his theory, not so familiar with the Bible, hastily checked and found his quotation correct, and then adjourned after fixing Monday as the date for the next meeting to decide upon a code for their industry. All of them, including Martin, have shortened hours and raised wages.

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