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IFTU COUNCIL REFUSES TO ADMIT SOVIET UNIONS AND CIO AS MEMBERS OF BODY

LONDON, England.—Led by Robert J. Watt of the American Federation of Labor, the general council of the International Federation of Trade Unions refused to favor a change in the IFTU's constitution to permit the entrance of the Congress of Industrial Organizations and the Soviet trade unions.

Mr. Watt severely arraigned the attitude of American Communists in picketing the White House and ordering strikes in munitions industries until Germany invaded Russia.

"If the British workers and the other free trade unions of the world prefer new-found friends to old and proven allies," he said, "we sincerely regret it. But let's have no hypocrisy about it. Let no one pretend that we isolated ourselves by refusing to attend the 1945 trade union Munich."

Mr. Watt explained that the attitude of the AFL on the entrance of Russian unions in the IFTU had not changed since the IFTU meeting in Oslo in 1938. At that time, he said, his organization maintained that the Russian unions were not "free-trade

unions" but part of the Government apparatus.

The AFL, he said, has "great admiration" for the Russian people, however. He insisted that the absence of strikes in Russia approved that trade unions did not exist there "as we know them."

Concluding with a warning against any steps that would lead to international labor disunity, Mr. Watt proposed that the IFTU convene a world trade union conference at the earliest possible time.

Besides the United States delegation, those who opposed any change in the IFTU rules to allow more than one national trade union center to affiliate with the IFTU were members from Canada, South Africa, Sweden and Czechoslovakia.

115 NBC Radio Stations Carry A. F. L. Program

WASHINGTON, D. C.—More than 115 radio stations from coast to coast are now carrying the AFL's "America United" radio program regularly each week, the National Broadcasting Co. reported to the Federation.

"Our records do not show any sustaining program, other than the Army Hour, which has ever had a comparable acceptance," Dwight B. Herrick, manager of NBC's public service department, said.

Because of prior commitments for commercial broadcasts, some of the stations on the NBC chain find it impossible to carry America United when it is originally broadcast. Many of these stations, however, have arranged to put on the program at a later hour or the following day. Those who would like to hear these weekly programs, therefore, are urged to consult the radio listings in their daily papers for the exact time "America United" goes on the air in their home communities.

CONVENTIONS HAVE A SLIM CHANCE FOR GOVT. APPROVAL

WASHINGTON.—Labor organizations planning conventions again are warned by Col. J. Monroe Johnson, Director of ODT, and Chairman of the War Committee on Conventions, that the chances of approval of any non-local meeting involving more than 50 persons are "extremely slim." Of all the applications formally submitted to the committee 222 have already been turned down, with approval given only to two—a Red Cross meeting and a War Fund meeting.

In view of this, all organizations "should give serious consideration to the advisability of voluntary canceling or postponing all meetings during the critical months ahead," the ODT Director said. "However necessary or essential to the work of an organization a conference or a convention might normally be, it is difficult to think of any assemblage that could not be put off and its activities handled by temporary machinery or groups of less than 50 persons, in view of the supreme wartime necessity of conserving transportation, hotel space, manpower and scarce essential materials."

No permission is needed, Col. Johnson said, to hold meetings of fewer than 50, but the limitation of 50 applies to the total number in attendance, regardless of how many actually make use of inter-city transportation or hotel accommodations. Gatherings of larger size, if of a purely local character, using no hotel facilities and making use of only city or suburban transit facilities also need not apply for permission.

Col. Johnson expressed his appreciation for the cooperation of scores of organizations which have voluntarily cancelled conventions without burdening the committee with applications. The committee is now receiving about 650 communications weekly regarding conventions.

PRES. WM. GREEN OPPOSED TO PROPOSAL THAT WOULD FORCE GERMAN LABOR TO HELP REBUILD EUROPE

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 11.—A Soviet proposal that German labor be forced to rebuild damaged cities in war-torn Europe was assailed yesterday by President William Green of the AFL as being "economically unsound and indefensible." Green declared that the Russian plan, voiced at the World Trade Union congress in London which the AFL refused to attend, would make slave labor of Germans, and was "indefensible from a social point of view and contrary to the principles which the United Nations are seeking to establish when the war ends."

"Hitler and those responsible for the war must be punished, but the people throughout the world, including labor everywhere, must be made free and must be guaranteed the right to enjoy the blessings and benefits of freedom, liberty and democracy," said the AFL president.

Green wondered "what attitude the representatives of the CIO who are attending the London conference will assume toward the proposal."

He also attacked the CIO for attempting, he said, to split the world labor movement "as they divided labor in the United States."

Green said the AFL's refusal to take part in the conference had been vindicated by developments already apparent. The congress opened last Tuesday.

"All the reasons which the AFL originally assigned when it declined to respond to the invitation extended to participate have been proven to be sound and unassailable. We are more firmly convinced than ever that we are serving the interests of labor best by refusing to participate in the so-called World Trade Union conference," Green asserted.

The CIO group, headed by President R. J. Thomas of the United Auto Workers and President Sidney Hillman of the Amalgamated Clothing

Workers, is demanding a role in international labor movements.

The AFL now is the only American organization in the International Federation of Trades Unions. The CIO wants either to gain entry for itself and the Soviet groups (which the AFL maintains aren't "free" trade unions) into the IFTU, or form a new world group.

"Evidently differences which have already arisen between the bona fide representatives of the British Trades Union congress and the Soviet workers and their allies are creating division within the ranks of those in attendance at the conference," said Green.

"In the event certain representatives of the CIO and their comrades succeed in their plans to establish a new international labor organization, Sir Walter Citrine and his associates representing the British Trades Union congress will be forced to decide whether they will remain affiliated with the International Federation of Trades unions, or become a part of the newly formed international Federation of Trades unions, or become a part of the newly formed international movement developed and created by their friends of the CIO and their Russian comrades."

AMERICAN HEROES

by JULIAN OLLENDORFF

Although he realized that an enemy submarine was close at hand and his U. S. destroyer would leave him in the event of attack, Fireman, First Class, David Jack Stephenson, U. S. C. G. R., of Clendenin, Va., went over the side to rescue three men in a small raft. He swam to the raft and fastened lines around the survivors. Stephenson was cited for his heroic performance. The ropes, raft and destroyer were paid for out of War Bond funds.

U. S. Treasury Department

THE CHEMICAL WORKERS JOIN LABEL TRADES

I. M. Ornburn, secretary-treasurer of the Union Label Trades Department, this week announced that the International Chemical Workers Union had become affiliated with that Department of the American Federation of Labor. Both H. A. Bradley, president of the Chemical Workers Union, and R. E. Tomlinson, its secretary-treasurer, are able and progressive leaders and deserve great credit for building such a strong union in an industry never before unionized. The International Chemical Workers Union in convention recently decided to use the Union Label to advance the sale of union-made chemical products.

OFF BEAM
One of the boys in the band tried to write a drinking song, but couldn't get past the first two bars.

OFF THE BEAM
From Baer Field Beacon, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Ah, those were the days, when you could kiss a girl and taste nothing but girl.

College education for women is futile. If they're pretty, it's unnecessary; if they're homely, it's inadequate.

A rooster strutting around the barnyard early one Easter Sunday morning came across a nest of brightly colored eggs. He cocked his head and thought a while—then made a beeline across the barnyard and knocked h... out of the peacock.

A farm lad from Decatur took a defense job in Ft. Wayne but after a few months, returned home flat broke in spite of the big pay. For an alibi, he said: "Most of my money I spent on women and whiskey. The rest I just wasted."

Drunk (lying on sidewalk): "I'll climb this wall if it takes all night."

Cpl. Banks: "I had a beard like your's, but when I realized how it made me look, I cut it off."

Pfc. Fitzgerald: "I had a face like yours once. When I realized I couldn't cut it off, I grew a beard."

We know a fella who offered his girl a Scotch and sofa. She reclined.

She was a girl with a film personality. A negative face, but what a development!

THE MARCH OF LABOR

WHEN THE TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION WAS ORGANIZING IN THE '30'S, ONE OF THE BIG PRINTING EMPLOYERS STATED THAT THE JOURNEYMAN PRINTER IS AN

INTELLIGENT MAN... AND A GOOD FELLOW... WHO PREFERS NOT TO BELONG TO A TRADE UNION, AND THE EMPLOYERS GROUP SHOULD ENCOURAGE HIS RESISTANCE.

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U.S. WORKERS' INCOME = 100%
UNITED STATES - 100%
WESTERN EUROPE - 50%
LATIN AMERICA - 31%
AFRICA - 16%
ASIAN

HOW STANDARDS OF LIVING IN OTHER COUNTRIES COMPARE WITH THE U.S.A.

THE REPORT OF SECRETARY OF COMMERCE HOOVER'S COMMITTEE ON WASTE IN INDUSTRY SHOWED WASTE IN OUR MAJOR INDUSTRIES AS HIGH AS 64% OF THIS MORE THAN 50% WAS THE FAULT OF MANAGEMENT, AND LESS THAN 25% THAT OF LABOR.

LOOK FOR THIS UNION LABEL UNDER THE SWEATBAND OF THE HAT YOU BUY - TO BE SURE OF THE BEST VALUE AND THAT IT IS UNION-MADE!

THE A. F. OF L. PRESENTS
AT 1:15 P. M., E.W.T. OVER N.B.C.

Feb. 18.—Sunday—Representative Ramspeck—Topic: "White Collar Workers." Panel members: James B. Burns, A. F. of L.; Emerson P. Schmidt, U. S. Chamber of Commerce; Paul Sifton, National Farmers Union.

No man can be satisfied with himself until he becomes all that a man can be.

Keep Faith With Our Fighters
Buy War Bonds For KEEPS



THERE ARE BOOBY TRAPS ON THE HOME FRONT, TOO

THE ONLY difference is, the ones here have price tags on them.

People who are buying a lot of things they're making right now, might just as well label them "Souvenirs of the Great War Boom."

And in later years when goods are plentiful, and prices come down to normal... when an uncertain future stares them in the face... when others are getting four dol-

lars for every three they've loaned to Uncle Sam—it'll be these people who'll have booby-trap scars, and not much else.

If you want the best security and the best investment in the world today, just sock your money into War Bonds. Don't settle for a bunch of mighty attractive souvenirs. And once you've got those Bonds, hang onto them, keep your dollars fighting—and get your full interest back when the time comes.

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The leading rule for every man of every calling is diligence.