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AFL Opens Emergency Drive To Defeat Smith Bill

Charges Congress With Letting Truman "Must" Legislation Go By Board

CONGRESS SITS DOWN

Washington, D. C. — Congressional orators who have been fulminating against organized labor because of strikes overlook the fact that Congress has conducted since V-J Day one of the most glaring and inexcusable sit-down strikes against the nation.

President Truman summoned Congress back into session shortly after victory was won in order to enact a "must" program of re-conversion legislation necessary to help America get back on a peacetime footing. He submitted to Congress a sound and a workable legislative program. Not a single one of the measures he urged has been adopted.

No wonder the President publicly charged that Congress has "let him down!"

The list of the measures advocated by President Truman and the AFL, against which the powerful anti-labor bloc in Congress has conducted a successful sit-down, follows:

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION — This measure was trimmed down drastically in the Senate and then pigeon-holed by the House Ways and Means Committee.

HIGHER MINIMUM WAGE — Many public hearings have been held but action has been stalled.

FULL EMPLOYMENT — This bill was amputated in the Senate and then even more cruelly mutilated by a House committee and the prospects are that no effective legislation will be adopted.

HOUSING — While everyone agrees that a national housing program is absolutely essential to quick postwar recovery, Congress hasn't made a move yet to expedite the Wagner bill which has bi-partisan support.

SOCIAL SECURITY — The Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill is buried in committee.

HEALTH INSURANCE — Opponents in Congress are befuddling the issue and planning to stifle any action.

This record of futility should be contrasted by the American people with the speed Congress showed in voting tax relief to big corporation and with the priority granted to consideration of anti-labor legislation.

AFL Members Urged by Green To Write Letters To Congressmen

Washington, D. C.—AFL President William Green sent out an emergency call to all members of the AFL to help defeat drastic and "wicked" anti-labor legislation now being considered by Congress.

He urged each and every one of the seven million members of the AFL to write individual letters to their Congressman and Senators opposing the pending Smith bill.

This bill, he explained, would provide strike penalties by permitting employers and any other person claiming damage from a work stoppage to sue the union and its members. It would also deprive such a union of its bargaining rights for the period of a year and subject unions to court injunctions. Finally, it would prohibit unions from engaging in political activities or making political contributions of any kind.

With the temper of Congress aroused by CIO strikes and threats in mass production industries and with no decisive results forthcoming as yet from the labor-management conference, the danger of enactment of hasty and ill-considered legislation inimical to the best interest of labor and the nation is considered grave by AFL leaders.

Mr. Green, therefore, rallied all affiliated organizations—including national and international unions, state federation of labor, city central bodies and directly affiliated federal labor unions—to join in the fight against the Smith bill, and, above all, to enlist their full membership in the campaign.

"Please act promptly upon receipt of this communication," he urged in a circular letter. "Organize a campaign in every town, community and locality of the country in opposition to this proposed anti-labor legislation. Call upon the friends of labor to work with you, to communicate with their representatives in Congress along with you, and call upon them to vote against this legislation."

Ironically enough, the new legislative onslaught against labor was engineered by Representative Howard Smith of Virginia as an added starter to his proposed repeal of the obnoxious Smith-Connally Act, which has proved a colossal failure. Rep. Smith was one (Please Turn to Page 8)



How much does The Purple Heart cost?

It's not just the initial cost, you see. It's the upkeep.

It costs billions, first, to mobilize the sulfa, the morphine, the plasma that went to war... those ingredients of mercy that relaxed death's clutch on hundreds of thousands of wounded.

Your War Bonds helped provide them.

Now the army of the legless, the armless, the

sightless is on the road back. They're one of war's bleakest heritages, and to a man they're our responsibility.

That's one reason our country is asking us—and for the last time!—to invest in extra Bonds. In Victory Bonds this time—not War Bonds.

Again it isn't a question of giving—but of lending. For your Victory Bonds will pay off exactly as your War Bonds will.

So buy extra Victory Bonds—and hold them!

Following the Victory Loan, the sale of E. F. and G. U. S. Savings Bonds will continue through regular authorization agencies and through the Payroll Savings Plan.

Machinists Suspended By AFL

Washington, D. C.—AFL President William Green announced that the International Association of Machinists has been automatically suspended for failure to pay per capita tax in accordance with the provisions of the AFL Constitution.

Mr. Green therefore directed all local and state branches and departments of the AFL to disassociate the Machinists from membership.

In an official joint letter to State Federations and City Central Bodies, Mr. Green and Secretary-Treasurer George Meany said:

"The International Association of Machinists has discontinued its

affiliation with the American Federation of Labor through refusal to pay per capita tax to the American Federation of Labor since November, 1944. Section 3, Article X of the Constitution of the American Federation of Labor provides:

"Any organization affiliated with this federation not paying its per capita tax on or before the 15th of each month and assessment or assessments when due and payable shall be notified of the fact by the Secretary-Treasurer of the federation, and if at the end of 3 months it is still in arrears it shall become suspended from membership by the federation, and can be rein-

stated only by a vote of the convention when such arrears are paid in full, as provided in Section 2 of this article.

"Because of these facts the Executive Council directed the officers of the American Federation of Labor to call upon State Federation of Labor to immediately disassociate and suspend local unions of the International Association of Machinists from membership in State Federations of Labor, City Central Bodies and the departments of the American Federation of Labor.

"This action was based upon Section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of the American Federation of Labor which provides that no central body of delegates shall admit to or retain in their councils delegates from locals of national or international organizations which are not affiliated with the American Federation of Labor under penalty of having their charter revoked for violation of their charter, subject to appeal to the next convention.

"You are therefore officially directed to disassociate and suspend from membership immediately all affiliated local unions chartered by the International Association of Machinists."

VICTORY CLOTHING DRIVE AGAIN BACKED BY AFL

New York City—American labor used its organized strength last spring to help collect the used clothing which has saved 25,000,000 war victims overseas from death and cold. But even that magnificent response did not meet the dire need revealed when all of Europe, China and the Philippines were liberated. Wherever war has scorched the earth and razed the cities, countless millions of men, women and children are still inadequately clothed for winter weather, health and self-respect.

A nation-wide victory clothing collection for overseas relief will be held during the month of January—our first new year of peace

Living Costs Due To Rise As Government Subsidies Near End

AMERICANISM FUND OF LEGION GETS A GIFT FROM JAPS

Indianapolis, Ind. — The American Legion's national Americanism endowment fund is \$10,000 richer today because of a check received at national headquarters here from the Japanese-American Servicemen's Parents' and Relatives' Association at the Rivers, Arizona, war relocation center.

With the breakup of this camp, the association decided to distribute its small remaining funds among a few organizations in which it had confidence. The American Legion was one of these.

As a result national Legion headquarters here received a \$10 check from the Japanese-American treasurer, Sadoshi Gozawa.

The sum was turned over to the national Americanism endowment fund.

LEGION COMMANDER SET NEW MARK FOR HOLDING HIS OFFICE

Indianapolis, Ind. — Earning the distinction of having been national commander of The American Legion for a longer term than any of his 26 predecessors, Retiring National Commander Edward N. Scheiberling also was one of the most traveled ones.

He held office exactly 14 months. He was elected in Chicago, Sept. 20, 1944, and retired in Chicago, November 21, 1945. This long term was due to the lateness of the 1945 national convention.

During his 14-month tenure of office, Commander Scheiberling covered a total of 110,265 miles on official Legion business. This is a record equalled by few commanders. Of the total mileage 62,225 miles were by plane; 37,600 miles by train; 9,840 miles by automobile; and 300 miles by boat.

The commander visited all 48 states and the District of Columbia. He also visited England, France, Italy, Belgium, Germany, and Puerto Rico.

Washington, D. C.—The ending of subsidies and the subsequent lifting of price ceilings can be expected to cause increases of from 10 to 40 per cent in the prices of at least 37 basic foods within the next six months, it is stated in an official survey prepared by government economists for the Office of Price Administration and the Department of Agriculture.

John C. Collett, economic stabilizer, announced that food price subsidies will be removed gradually between now and June 30. Congressional action placing subsidies back on these commodities, the economists say, would change the situation and make unnecessary any food price rise. Otherwise, they say, the price rise is "unpreventable." No congressional move is thus far known to be afoot to continue the subsidies.

The survey states that increases will be necessary in the prices of meats, bread, butter, milk, canned vegetables, cheese, dried fruit and other commodities.

The economists said the increases will cause the highest one-year percentage rise in the cost of living since 1930 and will increase the nation's food bill for 1946 more than \$2,000,000,000—about \$15 a person.

One of two subsidies controlling the price of butter was lifted Nov. 8 and the price rose 5 to 6 cents a pound.

TAKES COMMERCE COURSE

Biarritz, France, November 9—Private First Class Clyde T. Moody, Jr., Bunn, North Carolina, who was with Associated Transport, Inc., in Charlotte, in civilian life, is "brushing up" on his civilian occupation by taking a course in commerce at the Biarritz American university here, free of charge.

Soldiers from all over the European Theater are taking advantage of the Army's educational program at this accredited university. Columbia, Yale, Princeton, Brown, Pennsylvania, Chicago, Notre Dame, Missouri, Texas A. & M. Stamford and other outstanding institutions have loaned educators to help BAU, while qualified officers, enlisted men and civilians are on the faculty.

OPA Asks Help In War Against Profiteering

Washington, D. C.—The OPA, in order to combat overcharging by retailers, has made available to consumers 2,700,000 copies of an anti-overcharge weapon—the Consumer Anti-Inflation Shopping List.

These overcharges by retailers selling at higher than ceiling prices, cost each worker's family at least one to two weeks salary each year... and threaten to take even more.

The lists are simple and handy tools to use. The shopper need no longer carry cumbersome blanket size ceiling price lists in order to check prices. With this list, the shopper needs only to write down the items purchased; the brand, size or weight and the prices paid. He or she then sends the completed list to the nearest War Price and Rationing board for checking.

Members or organized labor are being urged to make full and ag-

gressive use of these lists in order to wipe out illegal sniping at their pay checks.

Leo F. Lucas, AFL representative in the OPA Labor office said: "Every member of the AFL should protect the buying power of his dollar by striking hard at these retailers who illegally cut themselves in for a slice of the worker's salary. Action on this front is especially important now that pay envelopes have shrunk as a result of cutbacks in hours and employment. We can eliminate this extra bite on our salary by securing and using these Anti-Inflation Shopping Lists."

The OPA Labor office through its Regional Labor Advisers, District Labor Advisory committees and local union Cost-of-Living committee plans to help labor to utilize fully this "Consumer Anti-Inflation Shopping List" as an enforcement weapon against over-celling charges.

WE MADE IT!
How about YOU?

OUR VICTORY LOAN QUOTA

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Green Named Labor Polio Drive Chairman

New York City.—Organization of national labor unions into the fund drive for 1946 March of Dimes, to be conducted January 14-31 by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, was announced from the office of Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation.

Appointed co-chairman of the National Labor division was William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor. Thomas C. Cashen, chairman of the Railway Labor Executives association, was given a similar post.

In the past, unions have actively supported the March of Dimes through their own fund-raising organizations. In 1945, AFL members contributed \$162,330.93 to the National Foundation. These figures are exclusive of individual donations made at movies and other public functions.

Mr. Green has served as co-chairman of the National Labor division since the founding of the organization in 1938 by the late President Roosevelt. Cashen served

as a labor co-chairman in the 1945 drive.

Of all contributions to the annual March of Dimes, half remains with local chapters of the National Foundation for equipment, transportation, hospital treatment and care of poliomyelitis patients, regardless of age, race, creed or color. The other half goes to the National Foundation for research, education and emergency aid during epidemics.

In a letter of acceptance to Foundation President O'Connor, Mr. Green said:

"I respond wholeheartedly and with a feeling of pleasure to your request that I continue to serve as co-chairman of the National Labor division of the 1946 March of Dimes.

"Be assured it is my sincere and earnest desire to co-operate with you and those associated with you in the administration of the affairs of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in rendering service to the nation and to those afflicted with infantile paralysis."