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## AFL Expansion Gains Speed As Several More Unions Seek To Enter

Miami — Invigorated and encouraged by the dramatic return to the fold of the United Mine Workers Union, the American Federation of Labor is on its way to big new developments in the coming months.

The Executive Council mapped plans for mapor organizing drives and paved the way for negotiations looking toward the affiliation of other major unions before winding up its news-paced mid-winter meeting here.

For strategic reasons, specific details on the important moves under way were withheld for the time being but it was understood that at least 6 substantial organizations, including one independent union, are knocking on the AFL's door for admission.

With labor's enemies making desperate efforts to crush the trade union movement, the dynamic resurgence of the American Federation of Labor is expected to underline the need for unity in labor's ranks and start many of its wayward units on the way home.

Outstanding news announced by the Executive Council during its final sessions included:

1—John L. Lewis, taking his new seat on the Executive Council as the representative of 600,000 coal miners, declared that the dominant position of the AFL in organized labor will be "increasingly recognized" by American workers and the public in the months ahead.

2—Generous reaffiliation terms were offered to the Brewery Workers Union, which will hold a conference late next month to consider immediate return to the AFL.

3—Full cooperation to overcome the nation's housing crisis and to meet long-range need for new home construction was pledged to the government.

4—The council called upon the United States Government to break off relations with the Franco regime and recognize the exiled republican government of Spain.

5—It warned the United Na-

tions against according consultative recognition to the World Federation of Trade Unions, which is dominated by Soviet Russia and which the AFL again refused to join.

6—Plans for more effective and orderly organization of workers into trade unions in the American-occupied zone of Germany were proposed.

7—To further the good-neighbor policy, the AFL arranged to extend invitations to Latin American labor leaders to visit the United States and study labor conditions here.

8—Unyielding opposition to the new antilabor Case bill, which has been given the right of way in the House of Representatives, was unanimously voted by the council which directed AFL President William Green to send a telegram to all members of the House urging its defeat.

The telegram charged that the House Rules Committee had given labor a raw deal by railroading through this bill, although no public hearings were held on it and no opportunity was given to representatives of labor, industry or the government to express their views.

Mr. Green warned that the Case bill would revive the hated doctrine of conspiracy against workers, subject labor once again to government by court injunction, and expose unions to destructive damage suits.

"This bill will not bring peace and harmony in industrial relations," Mr. Green declared in the telegram, "but on the contrary will cause confusion, chaos, injustice and disrupted industrial relations."

Mr. Green said the AFL will fight this legislation to the limit and will call on all its state and local subordinate bodies to join in the drive to prevent its adoption.

Summing up the accomplishments of the council meeting, Mr. Green said it had pointed the way to a united labor movement in America, drafted policies for the economic betterment of the nation and charted a clear course for improved international relations with the objective of world peace and prosperity.

## Legion Mobilizes Nationally For Showdown Training Fight

Washington, D. C. — A special national security committee of The American Legion has been appointed by National Commander John Stelle to direct its show-down fight in Congress for the immediate enactment of its plan for universal military training.

The special committee will assemble in Washington for the first time, January 26 and 27.

At the same time the national commander ordered the mobilization of the entire strength of The American Legion by Congressional districts to support the legislative drive. He called on all state commanders to appoint immediately a committee of five prominent Legionnaires in each district to build local support everywhere for the Legion bill.

Atherton Chairman  
Past National Commander Warren H. Atherton, of Stockton, Cal., has been named chairman of the special national security committee. Serving with him will be:

James M. Reeves, Caruthersville, Mo., as vice-chairman.  
William H. Doyle, Boston, Mass., chairman of the Legion's national legislative committee.

S. Perry Brown, Beaumont, Texas, national defense chairman.

Captain James Simpson, Chicago, Ill.; Ed. J. Zoble, Casper, Wyo.; John McCusker, Denver, Colo.; Granville Ridley, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; James O'Connor Roberts, Washington, D. C.; Charles G. Curtis, Allentown Pa.; Ben S. Fisher, Washington, D. C.; General Frank Schwengel, New York City; Msgr. Rt. Rev. Edward J. Smith, Sioux City, Iowa, national chaplain; John D. Ewing, Shreveport, La.; Dr. Blake Van Lear, Atlanta, president of Georgia Tech; Col. Jacob Arvey, Chicago, Ill.; Leslie P. Kefauver, Bay City, Mich.; and Dr. Gibb Gilchrist, College Station, president of Texas A. & M. College.

John Thomas Taylor, national legislative director of the Legion will serve as adviser to the committee. Milt D. Sampbell, national defense director, will serve as committee secretary.

The American Legion plan provides for a year's military training for all youths between the ages of 18 to 20 years. This training would be divided into two periods. The first period calls for four months of basic military training. Thereupon the trainee may select any of several options for the completion of the remainder of his

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## Squash The Wolf Outside Their Door



For Victory Clothing Collection by F. O. Alexander, Philadelphia Bulletin.



DR. ROBERT P. MOREHEAD

## Dr. Morehead Named Head Cancer Group

Mount Airy.—Dr. Robert P. Morehead of Winston-Salem has been appointed educational director for the North Carolina division of the Field Army of the American Cancer society, according to an announcement made by the state executive committee, of which Dr. Ivan M. Procter of Raleigh is chairman.

Dr. Morehead will direct the expanded educational program of the North Carolina division, which has the active support of the club women and civic leaders, as well as the medical profession. The object of this part of the Division's work is to save lives that are being lost needlessly to cancer by teaching every citizen of the state the facts about the disease.

Dr. Morehead is a native Tar Heel and is well qualified to direct the educational fight against cancer by training and experience.

## Central Labor Union Notes

The regular weekly meeting of Charlotte Central Labor Union was held in the Labor Temple at 7:30 Thursday night in the Temple hall at 317 1-2 North Tryon street. President J. J. Thomas presided over the meeting with Secretary Harris doing the chores in his position as secretary and treasurer.

Delegates from local unions were in a mood for action at this session and several rendered constructive reports from their locals, which included contract negotiations, good union meetings, and activity in the building trades.

Brother Hicks of the Radio Technicians local of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, reported a cease work order still in effect in Columbia with two radio stations there and the Central Labor Union renewed its pledge of co-operation to see that situation through to the end that collective bargaining will be renewed.

The purchase of a Neon sign for the Temple headquarters was authorized and it is expected to have this sign up and gleaming before many more meeting nights have come.

President Thomas announced that he has been invited to participate in the coming Red Cross drive as a member of the local speakers bureau which will hold its first meeting at Hotel Barringer at 1 p. m. Wednesday, Feb. 13. Another meeting will be held a week later at Hotel Charlotte.

Delegate H. L. Kiser of the local Plumbers and Steamfitters union, who is also first vice president of the North Carolina Federation of Labor, reported that his union has secured special dispensation from the international body to take veterans returning from war into his union.

Brother Funderburke of the Brewery Workers local reported

nice attendance at meetings and also stated that many new members are coming into his local.

Soon an open house night will be held at the Central body's new home and committees are busy preparing for this event.

Delegates of all locals are asked to attend the meeting next week in order to familiarize themselves with open house plans.

## DAN TRACY RESIGNS FROM LABOR DEPT. POST

Washington, D. C. — Dan W. Tracy, former president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, resigned as First Assistant Secretary of Labor following a long but futile effort to reorganize the Department of Labor on more efficient lines.

Mr. Tracy gave no reason for his resignation after more than 5 years' service under Secretaries Perkins and Schwelmbach, but newspapers reported he was fed up with lack of authority and with having his recommendations sidetracked.

## GREEN URGES MEMBERS MAINTAIN BOND PLANS

Washington, D. C. — AFL President William Green issued an appeal to all AFL workers to continue purchasing Victory Bonds under the pay roll savings plan.

Mr. Green said in a letter to all affiliated unions that he had discussed the matter with Secretary of the Treasury Vinson who expressed the hope that AFL members will not abandon pay roll savings plans in peacetime.

Secretary Vinson praised the leading part which AFL officers and members played in the successful outcome of the Treasury's war finance program.

## International Brotherhood Of Electrical Workers Secure Wage Increase For Peninsula Employees

### BREWERY WORKERS SEEK RETURN TO FEDERATION

Miami.—Moves for reaffiliation of the United Brewery and Soft Drink Workers Union with the AFL are under way here. Green announced receipt of a telegram from William J. Kromelbein, general secretary, treasurer of the union, requesting and opportunity for its 3 top officials to come here to discuss with the executive council the jurisdiction dispute with the Teamsters Union which led to the suspension of the Brewery Workers. Mr. Green promptly replied that the council would be glad to give the union officials a hearing.

The Brewery Workers Union was suspended in 1939 after it failed to comply with a convention decision on the jurisdiction dispute which involved beer truck drivers. It is one of the oldest and most respected unions in the nation and its return to the AFL would be a welcome development.

### AFL COUNCIL RESISTS ANTI-STRIKE MEASURES

Miami — Members of the AFL Executive Council gathered here for their midwinter meeting determined to resist to the utmost any move in Congress to impose curbs on labor unions and limitations on the right to strike.

The AFL leaders were particularly gratified by the federation's own good record in maintaining collective bargaining relations with employers and obtaining wage increases for the most part without resort to strikes, as was reported to President Truman by AFL Chief William Green.

Many phases of national and international problems will come up for discussion and decision at the Executive Council meeting which is expected to last from 10 days to two weeks.

Tampa, Fla. (SLPA) — The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers has concluded an agreement on behalf of its two locals, B-108 and B-125, with the Peninsula Telephone Company, including significant wage improvement in upgrading of working standards generally.

The two IBEW Locals represent respectfully the plant and traffic employees of the Peninsula Company which operates approximately 20 exchanges with headquarters at Tampa. The Company has been organized in IBEW since 1941, and during that period wages of the employees have increased by 84 per cent. The agreement just negotiated provides for an immediate 5 per cent increase in basic hourly rates, accompanied by a 15 per cent increase effective April 1, 1946. The Traffic wage schedule under which the Operators employed by the company are paid will exceed the going rates for Southern Bell Exchanges by \$3.00, in the top brackets, all Peninsula Exchanges are carried on one scale regardless of the size of the exchange. The Bell practice is to pay the top rates, only in cities such as Atlanta, Jacksonville, Miami, etc., and grading smaller cities down from that. The plant department increases paid to mechanics and craftsmen of the Peninsula system are superior to Southern Bell standard under the schedule just negotiated.

A very significant feature of this IBEW contract is the favorable time differential provided on evening and night tours which the operators are required to work in order to cover the 24 hour requirements of the service. Only day hours are of 8 hour duration. All other assignments covering evening and night hours are of 7 hours or less duration for which 2 hours working time pay is allowed. Mr. G. X. Barker conducted the negotiations, assisted by Mrs. Julia O. Parker of the A. F. of L. staff.

## Loan To Britain Endorsed

Miami — Endorsement of economic measures, such as the proposed loan to Great Britain, to promote a stabilized and prosperous world trade, was expressed by the AFL Executive Council in the following statement:

America's problems of postwar rehabilitation appear insignificant by comparison with the herculean tasks confronting the people of Europe. Bankrupted by war, drained of natural resources, their productive machinery largely in ruins and lacking even an adequate supply of food and clothing to meet immediate needs, the nations of Europe have a long, hard, uphill fight before they can hope to get back to a normal peacetime basis.

These conditions, unless rapidly ameliorated, will provide a fertile soil for unrest, revolution and international upheavals which would make themselves dangerously felt even on this side of the Atlantic.

America's desire for lasting world peace is unquestioned. The sharp change since World War One in public sentiment for international cooperation to safeguard world peace tells the story.

But the American people have not yet grasped or accepted the broad responsibilities which we must undertake as a nation to further the cause of world peace. It is not enough for us to maintain occupation forces in conquered nations, to join the United Nations Organization, to agree to contribute our share to an international police force. World peace may be negotiated on the diplomatic level and protected by military measures but it depends ba-

sically on a sound and prosperous world economy which provides opportunity for each nation to establish a decent standard of living for its people.

Financially, Britain is down and out. Spiritually, she has just begun to fight. We must help her carry on now, just as we did when she gallantly held off the common enemy and provided our first line of defense during the battle of Britain.

Sympathetic as we are to the British people, the proposed loan should not be considered on a sentimental basis. It is a business proposition. It will help us as well as Great Britain. In prewar days, Britain was one of America's greatest customers. In the years to come, we must restore that large volume of trade for our own benefit. To do that we must help our good customer and valued ally to reorganize her economy.

Furthermore, Britain constitutes the last and most powerful bastion of democracy in Europe. The British way of life comes closer to our ideas of the value of individual life and freedom than any other. We cannot afford to let that way of life be snuffed out by economic ruin.

The proposed loan to Great Britain, negotiated by the representatives of our own country and the British government and now awaiting Congressional approval, is a step toward improving and stabilizing a workable world economy.

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## The AFL Presents . . . "AMERICA UNITED"

At 1:15 P.M., EWT. Over NBC

Date	Topic	Panel Members
Feb. 10	Long-Range Home Plans	Boris Shishkin, AFL Senator Wagner, of New York Russell Smith, National Farmers Union