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Drop Wage Control Quickly, Free Labor, Green Demands

ASSAILS FEDERAL MISTAKES IN LABOR AND ECONOMIC POLICIES

Carbondale, Pa.—In a hard-hitting address which made federal officials in Washington sit up and take notice, AFL President William Green blasted the government's unfair wage-price stabilization policy, condemned the administration's intervention in labor disputes and offered an entirely new program to take the nation off its prolonged "emergency" status within one year.

Speaking to a large audience gathered in a local armory for the Carbondale Central Labor Union's annual dinner, Mr. Green declared:

"I propose, first, that the present crazy-quilt stabilization program be scrapped and that the President invite representatives of labor, industry and agriculture to confer with him on the drafting of an entirely new one which will be fair and just to the entire nation.

"Secondly, I recommend that this new policy be adopted for the duration of not more than one year, with the unequivocal commitment that at the expiration of that time all government controls on wages and prices be dropped.

"Finally, I urge with all the emphasis at my command that the government eliminate itself from the sphere of labor-management relations except for a strengthened Conciliation Service to both parties and allow labor and industry to work out their problems through the proper methods of collective bargaining and voluntary arbitration.

"In my opinion, even our great country cannot indefinitely sustain the strain of living from one emergency to the next without relief. We must set ourselves a reasonable deadline to get back to a normal basis and meet that deadline. The American Federation of Labor will do its utmost to help achieve that goal in the interests of preserving the American way of life for the American people."

Mr. Green said he was convinced that "President Truman approached the nation's postwar problems in the right spirit and with every determination to restore a normal economy as promptly as the necessary changes could be safely effected."

"He told me so," Mr. Green reported, "I believed in him and still believe in his sincerity. But the tragic truth is that he received and listened to the wrong advice."

Mr. Green asserted that President Truman would have been wise to accept and follow the recommendations of the Labor-Management Conference of collective bargaining and the submission of

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AFL Demands Drastic Wage-Price Changes

Washington, D. C.—Demands for drastic revision of the government's new wage-price stabilization policy were voiced by labor, management and farm representatives on the AFL's "America United" radio program over NBC.

Dissatisfaction with the present policy was cogently expressed by Robert J. Watt, of the AFL; Emerson P. Schmidt, of the United States Chamber of Commerce and Raymond Ogg, of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Mr. Watt complained that the existing wage policy gives favoritism to strikers and militates against millions of workers who have heeded the President's exhortations to bargain collectively in an orderly way with employers without interrupting production.

He urged the adoption of a new single standard, applying alike to all workers and a single price

Labor Advisory Group Appointed To Stimulate Union Education

VISITS CHARLOTTE



PRESIDENT C. A. FINK

N. Y. TO AID VETERANS IDLE THROUGH STRIKES

Albany, N. Y.—Governor Dewey signed the Pillion-Burney bill authorizing unemployment insurance benefits to veterans out of work because of a strike. It was stated that actual payments under the new law would begin the week starting March 4.

On that date, veterans who have lost pay for seven weeks through strikes may make application for benefits of \$20 a week, to begin then. The duration of benefits is limited to the sum to which he would be entitled under federal readjustment allowances.

The fact that these federal allowances are cut off where a veteran is out of work because of a strike led to the introduction of the Pillion-Burney bill upon the recommendation of Oswald D. Heck, Speaker of the Assembly.

TEACHERS' CHARTERS ARE ISSUED RAPIDLY

Tampa, Fla. (SLPA)—Delay in arrival of a charter from the American Federation of Teachers this week caused a delay in plans for affiliation of a local of teachers with the Central Trades and Labor Assembly.

From the American Federation of Teachers in Chicago, information came that headquarters is swamped with applications for charters throughout the country and that all petitions would be expedited during the next few weeks.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach appointed a Labor Education Advisory Committee of five representatives each from the AFL and CIO, to help in charting a long-term course for industrial peace.

"The long-range importance of this action cannot be overemphasized," Mr. Schwellenbach said. "An intelligent program of labor education, directed both toward the training of capable union leadership and a membership well informed in the rights and responsibilities of unionism, can do a great deal to forestall labor disputes and promote better labor-management relations.

"The Department of Labor believes that the primary responsibility for this job rests with the unions themselves, with such assistance as they may request from universities and other non-governmental educational organizations."

The secretary said that the department, through its Division of Labor Standards, had been working experimentally to develop standards and approaches to the problem of labor education.

The division developed techniques of steward training which Mr. Schwellenbach said "have definitely contributed to the speedier settlement of plant grievances."

"Above all," he said, "we have been trying to work out a pattern through which the federal government may assist unions, state institutions, and other workers-education groups with this work without in any way encroaching on the traditional American attitude of keeping federal participation in education to a minimum commensurate with the welfare and needs of the people.

The committee includes the following AFL members:

AFL—Florence C. Thorne, director of research; Frank P. Fenton, director of organization; Nelson H. Cruikshank, director of social insurance activities; Marion Hedges, research and education, Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and James Brownlow, secretary-treasurer, metal trades department.

ON "PROGRESSIVE CHARLOTTE" COMMITTEE



CLAUDE L. ALBEA, appointed by Mayor Baxter to serve on local "Progress" committee, composed of more than 60 members.

NOMINATED FOR FIRST VICE PRESIDENT



J. A. SCOGGINS of Charlotte, who this week was nominated to be First Vice President of the North Carolina Federation of Labor by President C. A. Fink to fill the unexpired term of H. L. Kiser.

Senate Turns To Mediation After Junking Case Bill



H. L. KISER of Charlotte, who resigned this week as First Vice President of the North Carolina Federation of Labor to enter business for himself. Brother Kiser is a member of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local of Charlotte. He has served for 11 years on the State Executive Board of the Federation.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Ellender of Louisiana revealed that the Senate Education and Labor Committee had junked the Case Strike Control Bill for a new measure centering around an "independent Federal Mediation Board."

"The only thing left of the Case bill is its number and its title," he told reporters.

Senator Ellender is one of seven committee members appointed to study the bill sponsored by Representative Case, Republican, of South Dakota, and draft a comprehensive plan for dealing with labor disputes.

Senator Murray, chairman of the Labor Committee and head of the drafting group announced that he would have a statement later on the new bill.

Senator Ellender reported that it involved a 3-step plan for preventing industrial strife:

First, encouragement of "real collective bargaining" with provisions in contracts for settlement of all grievances.

Second, conciliation and mediation by the new board which would be independent of the government but housed in the Labor Department. The Case bill would have set up a government board for this purpose.

Third, a plan for "voluntary arbitration" if the first two steps fail.

President Truman's suggestions for "fact-finding boards" and "cooling-off periods" before strikes were discarded.

AFL UNION WINS IN KNOXVILLE TEST

Knoxville, Tenn. (SLPA)—Local Union No. 286, United Garment Workers of America, AFL, won a sweeping victory here over Sidney Hillman's Amalgamated Clothing Workers. The vote stood AFL 148; CIO 29; no union 18. John L. Essary, president of the Tennessee State Federation of Labor and AFL organizer, and other State Federation and AFL representatives assisted Local 286 in its victorious fight against Hillman's CIO union.

MOULDERS LOCAL HAS 80TH BIRTHDAY

Nashville, Tenn. (SPLA)—Molders Local Union No. 55, celebrated its 80th anniversary here last week with an appropriate program depicting the struggles, the advancements, the loyalty of its members throughout these four score years. T. B. Reed, is president of this local union.

Two Charlotteans Named To Executive Board N.C. Federation

STATE SECRETARY HERE



SECRETARY FISHER of the North Carolina Federation of Labor, who accompanied President Fink to Charlotte this week, is a tireless worker for the labor movement in Tarheelia.

President Fink and Secretary Fisher Visit Charlotte This Week and Attend Central Labor Union Meeting.

NAME TWO CHARLOTTE MEN VICE PRESIDENTS

Nominations Will Go Before Executive Board Meeting April 7 For Confirmation. Fink Addresses Meeting.

Charlotte Central Labor Union had as its guests at the regular weekly meeting Thursday night of this week President C. A. Fink and Secretary-Treasurer Fisher of the North Carolina Federation of Labor. They came to Charlotte for the purpose of selecting a first vice-president and also another vice-president for the State body, the first vice-presidential selection to take the place of First Vice-President H. L. Kiser, who recently resigned, due to business reasons.

J. A. Scoggins, of Charlotte, who has been a vice-president for several years, was elevated to the first vice-presidency by President Fink's nomination, and Mr. Fink then asked Charlotte Central Labor Union to nominate a man for the post held by Mr. Scoggins. President J. T. Thomas of Charlotte Central Labor Union was nominated to fill the position of Mr. Scoggins. These two nominations, along with another from Wilmington, will be placed before the executive board of the State Federation Executive Council meeting scheduled to be held in Durham Sunday, April 7.

Mr. Fink in his address expressed his regrets at losing Mr. Kiser as a member of the State Executive board and also expressed his deep appreciation for the invaluable services Mr. Kiser had rendered to the entire labor movement of North Carolina during the 11 years he has served as a vice-president. Mr. Scoggins, who has also been a vice-president from Charlotte for several years, has rendered valuable service to the State body, and his elevation to a higher place on the executive board will enable him to serve in many more ways than heretofore.

John P. White, member of Charlotte Typographical Union and also city councilman, appeared before the meeting last night and explained many points in connection with the several proposed bond issues to be voted upon soon, saying in connection therewith that the city is greatly in need of increased funds to expand its water and sewerage facilities, its

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SPONSORS DINNER

BOOSTING BIG NAVY

PHILADELPHIA.—The AFL Metal Trades Council is sponsoring a gala dinner March 18 at the Broadway Hotel to mobilize labor behind the program—"A Navy Second to None."

AFL President William Green has accepted the invitation of the Philadelphia naval shipyard employes to address the gathering, to which high-ranking Navy department officials have been invited. Joseph Heath, president of the Metal Trades Council, will preside as toastmaster.

The American Federation of Labor has consistently and with undivided allegiance supported the construction and maintenance of a United States Navy second to none in the world.

18-CENT PAY BOOST

Washington, D. C.—By a majority vote, the Shipbuilding Stabilization Conference favored an increase of 18 cents an hour for 500,000 shipbuilders, retroactive to December 4.

Application of the increase was left to the National Wage Stabilization Board under a resolution adopted by labor and government members of the conference, with industry dissenting.

Since the government is virtually financing the shipbuilding program, it was said that a way would be found to pay the wage increase, the industry requiring a directive to make it reimbursable.

Jobless Pay Won By Union In Precedent-Making Pact

Philadelphia—Through peaceful negotiation, undisturbed by strike threats, a local union here affiliated with the International Ladies' Garment Workers (AFL) has won an important victory in the fight for security of employment.

The program entered into by the Pleaters, Stitchers and Embroiderers Union and employers provides:

For every 140 hours of unemployment, the employe is to be paid a week's wage. This wage is to be computed on the basis of 70 per cent of straight time hourly earnings multiplied by the number of hours per week. The 140 hours of unemployment do not have to be consecutive. The maximum unemployment pay is 4 weeks' wages during one year.

This victory may seem small,

but its implications loom large. It is the initial bite into the problem which constitutes the garment industry's greatest handicap — the uncertainty of employment caused by highly seasonal production.

About 500 workers in the trade are covered by the agreement, but negotiations are in progress to extend the guarantee to the rest of the 12,000 ILGWU workers in this city.

Once the idea has been worked out successfully here, it is expected to be included eventually in contracts covering the union's 316,000 members throughout the nation.

"The philosophy of the plan serves a dual purpose" said Herbert Syme, union counsel. "The primary hope is that the employer will be encouraged to provide

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