Elect your delegates to the North Carolina Federation of Labor meeting at once, if you have not already done so. You are an important arm of the State body and matters of great importance are to come up to be discussed and disposed of at the August meeting in High Point.

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LOCAL PAPER WORKERS ASK FOR ELECTIC Local Box Plant Charged PRESIDENT SIGNS NEW OPA

Donald M. Hunt, international representative of the

International Brotherhood of Workers Union, announced to And Mine---Pulp, Sulphite & Paper Mill a Labor Journal representative Tuesday that petition has This is the second of a series of been filed with the National Labor Relations Board asking for certification of his union as collective bargaining agent for the employes in the Charlotte Plant of the Old Dominion Box Company, headed by E. S. Dillard, vice president and general manager. This firm employes approximately 250 persons.

Mr. Hunt also stated that during the organizing campaign conducted by his union during the past hasn't enough income? Are museveral weeks the company on sev- nicipal employes and teachers geteral occasions engaged in unfair ting sub-standard wages because labor practices by increasing sur- the taxes just can't be stretched veillance over employes by super- far enough to cover the raises that visory action and expression of are needed? Have material costs personal opinion in opposition to gone up so fast that the old income the union's activities, which result- just doesn't do the job it used to ed in his union filing charges with | do? the NLRB. Efforts to set a date for informal hearing by the trial examiner, satisfactory to the parties involved, have been unsuccess- and the returning servicemen need ful. Mr. Hunt said.

ufactures set-up, folding and cor- living has soared. rugated boxes and tubes, the union

HUNT THAT A FORMAL HEAR-ING OF THE PAPER WORKERS' PETITION FOR AN ELECTION THE REGIONAL NLRB BOARD produce additional revenue. FOR AUGUST 6TH.

Many War Widows rates approximate the average for Must Continue In Jobs For A Living

of the wives of ex-servicemen will ices? continue in the labor market, most of them through necessity, the services adequately discouraged partment reports after a survey. enable other cities to secure state Women who must continue to aid with minimum regard to local work are widows and wives of dis- financial responsibility and the abled veterans, who must asume character of services? partial support of themselves, and frequently dependents, the study situations and adoption of sound

eration of Teachers.

YOUR LOCAL PROBLEM By Arthur A. Elder

Is your community stymied in its post-war plans because it

jobs and various kinds of com-The Old Dominion company man- munity assistance. The cost of

Almost all communities depend on the real estate tax to pay their bills. The sad fact is that SINCE THE FOREGOING AR- the values of real estate have not TICLE WAS WRITTEN AN- risen appreciably during the war. NOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN and the income from real estate MADE BY REPRESENTATIVE taxes can therefore probably not be raised very much.

holes that should be plugged, and HAS BEEN SCHEDULED BY it is posible that careful study will

should be looked into:

cities of like size?

2. Are state grants-in-aid

3. If state funds are available for aid to certain services, are lo-Washington, D. C. - Two-fifths cal funds diverted for other serv-

4. Are cities which support Women's Bureau of the Labor De- through state aid provisions which

12 articles on tax problems affecting every person in the Nation, written for the AFL Weekly News Service by Arthur A. Elder, tax consultant of the AFL's Tax Committee and a vice president of the American Fed-

However, there are some loop-

Here are some of the items that

1. Do local assessments and tax

available to supplement the city's

Correction of faulty local tax plans of state tax sharing will More than 50,000 widows of probaly make it unnecessary to World War II veterans were re- even consider the adoption of lo? cal nuisance taxes.

Move Grows To Force Minimum Pay Vote

President Truman.

The AFL favored Plan No. 1, the chief purpose of which was to consolidate the many Federal housing curity agency. The AFL has con-Housing agency. This was defeat- ment of the Labor department.

Plan No. 2-abolished the United | maritime unions of the AFL.

Washington, D. C. - Congress, States Compensation commission administered a drubbing to organ- and transferred its functions to a ized labor on three government re- single administrator in the Federorganization plans submitted by al Security agency. It alo transfers the Children's bureau and other welfare agencies from the Labor department to the Federal Sebureaus into a single National sistently opposed such dismember-

Plan No. 3 included transfer of the Bureau of Marine Inspection The other two plans, both op- and Navigation from the Depart- pound sterling credit. posed by the AFL, squeezed ment of Commerce to the Coast through Congress by narrow mar- Guard under the Treasury depart- ain will use part of the credits ment. This was opposed by the from the loan immediately to place to purchase on a rising market and substantial credit to the Soviet It contravenes the First amend- tion.

RENT CEILINGS OF JUNE 30 BECOME EFEFCTIVE AGAIN AND SUPERCEDE EMERGEN-CY ACTIONS BY STATES.

JUNE 29.

SIGNS WITH RELUCTANCE,

BUT SAYS BILL IS BETTER THAN ONE HE VETOED

Washington, July 25-President Truman today signed the bill restoring a modified form of OPA controls for the nation, but announcd that he signed with "reluctance," stating, however, that he thought the new mesaure was better than the bill he vetoed June

The new legislaion restores the rent ceilings of June 30 in 520 areas which were under Federal controls at the time of expiration. It also provides for setting up a Price Decontrol board, and Mr. Truman announced that he would appoint this board immediately.

In signing the new measure President Truman said, in part: To the Congress of the United

I have today signed H. J. Res. 371 amending the price control laws and extending them for another year. I have signed this measure with reluctance.

full confidence assure the people that prices would remain generally stable in these last few critical months of the transition to a free economy. This bill falls far short of that hope. I am advised, however, that it is the best bill the Congress will now pass. It is clear, moreover, that it is a better bill on June 29. If that bill had become law, inflation would have been in-

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called to order by President Ster- High Point are to affiliate with the ling Hicks Thursday night at 8 North Carolina Federation of Lac'clock, with Secretary Harris at bor at the annual convention meet-

his post. The invocation was ren- ing in High Point in August. dered by Brother Blackwelder, fol-

The roll call of officers and trustees was then asked for by the chair which resulted in almost 100 per cent attendance of officers and trustees, but the attendance was not nearly so good when the roll of delegates was called later on in the order of business. This showed many absent.

President Hicks then announced that the Central Labor Union was beginning a new procedure in order to have a full attendance of delegates to the weekly meetings, the new plan being to notify the affiliated unions of the number of delegates each week.

It is the sense of the Central body that matters these days are of such importance that all delegates elected to the Central Union should be in attendance each week.

which the government could with meeting were read and approved. This was followed by a roll call of delegates with many of the unions reporting new wage contracts in process of negotiation or as having been settled. Several nice raises in wages were an-

The matter of electing a new secretary to fill the unexpired term than the one I was forced to veto of Secretary Harris, resigned, was the week ending July 4, and 1,477, held open until a later date.

One of the best reports to be 528, were approved. evitable. While the present meas- heard from the delegates was that ure by no means guarantees that of Claude Wilson of the local Fireinflation can be avoided, it offers a fighters' Union, who reported on April totaled \$406,000,000, up \$22,sufficient prospect of success to the recent state convention of his 000,000 over March , while exports warrant the making of a whole- union held in Charlotte. He re- declined from \$815,000,000 in hearted effort to keep our economy ported great interest being mani- March to \$758,000,000 in April, fested in organization work in va- the Census Bureau reported.

Central Labor Union Notes | AFL Gains Victory The regular weekly meeting of rious parts of the State. He also Charlotte Central Labor Union was announced that the Firefighters of

The Broadcasting Technicians lowed by a pledge of allegiance to reported that negotiations are gothe Flag by the assembled dele- ing forward with the Winstonsummation of a new agreement is guaranteed economic freedom this made this report.

Six new members for the Ameremployes was reported.

organization.

NON-RESIDENCE BUILDING

control over non-residential construction will continue until Autumn. Civilian Production Admin-

struction offices approved 36,228 applications for non-housing construction, valued at more than \$1,-500.000,000 and denied 19,453 applications for construction and repairs estimated to cost \$833,337,-

Applications for more than \$61,-000,000 in industrial and commercial construction were denied in representing an outlay of \$34,866,-

Washington, D. C. - Imports in

At Oak Ridge, Tenn. Atlanta. - The many thousands factory answer to persistent querof workers who have been emies at the Oak Ridge level, the ployed by private management at Atomic Trades and Labor Coun-Gak Ridge, Tennessee, since the cil, composed of all A. F. of L. Salem stations and that the con- early days of World War II were affiliates on the scene, appealed to

expected shortly. President Hicks week as a result of a series of con- turn notified President Green of ferences held in Washington be- conditions. He immediately artween President William Green and ranged a conference at Washingican Federation of Government Southern Representative George L. ton, attended by Secretary Patter-Googe of the American Federation son, Googe and himself. As a re-J. A. Moore reported for the of Labor and top ranking authori- sult Major General Leslie Groves, Hod Carriers Union, telling of the ties of the U. S. Army from Sec- director of the entire project, and progress that is being made in his retary of War Patterson down the Colonel E. E. Kirkpatrick, com-

These workers, all of whom had a role in the manufacture of the CONTROLS WILL CONTINUE death dealing Atomic Bomb which Washington, D. C .- Government | brought the war to an abrupt conclusion, had been denied the right ter understanding as to what auions. During the war the American over free American citizens in istrator John D. Small announced Federation of Labor heartily sub- time of peace. All censorship that critical building supplies scribed to the dropping of mem- bands were immediately removed, "haven't caught up" enough to bership drives for reasons of se- qualified and screen representaease controls in the next 60 days. curity and on the promise that tives of the American Federation CPA also said that in the three- organization would be permitted of Labor were permitted to pass and-a-half months, from March once hostilities ceased. However, literature at the plant gates, and ago and until this week the Amer- whatever rules were neccesary to ican Federation of Labor unions afford maximum security. which appeared on the scene to complete a process of organization found themselves completely thwarted by Army red tape and apparent collusion with the managements of Eastman, Carbon-Carbide and Monsato Chemical multi-millioned corporations. Adding to the general scene of confusion was the arrival of a large group of C. I. O. radical organizers from northern cities and a general fear that security would be endangered through a coalition of these C. I. O. representatives and agents of powers who have long sought information or the

> Added to the above unsettled state of affairs the A. F. of L. thless signed up many thousands

When they could secure no satis- time next month.

Southern Director Googe, who in mandant at Oak Ridge, were ordered to meet with President Green and Googe on the following

This meeting resulted in a betto membership in free trade un- thority the Army could exercise

As usual the C. I. O. came along four days later in an attempt to take some credit for the excellent job done by President Green and Googe, but this time they were fooled. The Army had announced its intentions of subscribing to the A. F. L. point of view long before the C. I. O. knew what was taking place and as a result the 30,000 or more workers on the project will regain all their civil liberties and an opportunity to form strong American Federation of Labor Unions in the civilian plants operated by the three great labor hating corporations, Eastman, well concealed Atom Bomb plans. Carbon and Carbide and Monsan-

The entire episode convinced the representatives found themselves workers at Oak Ridge that the almost completely stymied by pet- American Federation of Labor was ty red tape rules and regulations on the job protecting their interof the brass hats. Literature, the ests both as workingmen and Army contended, was subject to workingwomen and free American strict censorship no matter in citizens. It resulted in a tremenwhat form, passing of literature dous increase in enthusiasm on was banned at the gates, and a the part of the regular and volhundred and one lessor points were unteer organizers. They are conraised to harass the A. F. of L. fident that many additional thourepresentatives who had never- sands will take membership before the National Labor Relations Board calls for an election some-

Truman Signs Loan Bill To Aid World Economy

stable economy in the British Empire and the United States, President Truman signed the \$3,750,000,-000 Briish loan bill. His action ists contended both Nations would ment in the free flow of trade.

The bulk of the immediate British spending will be applied for the purchase of machinery and raw materials, officials indicated. A minor part of the credit-\$100,000,-000 to \$200,000,000-will be used to buy foodstuffs and luxuries needed by the British to offer temporary surcease from strict food and clothing restrictions.

Presidential approval of the measure means that ,for the first According to reports here, Brit-

time in years, American business firms will be able to sell the products of American labor to Britain on a cash-dollar basis, instead of

Washington, D. C .- Marking a | machinery for the textile, coal minlong step toward restoration of a ing, steel and machine manufactur- cials here, purchases made by Briting industries. Producers of textiles in Manchester, where rayon and cotton output is centered, have already provided an order list to brought to fruition a program long the government of the new machinurged by the AFL, whose econom- ery they will require. In Bradford, center of the wool cloth industry, a benefit mutually by the arrange- similar list has been drawn up.

The coal-mining industry in Wales and in Britain has been naernment. A committee from that segment of the British economy has been busy for months on capital investments it believes the coal mines should make in American machinery to ease man power demands of the pits and reduce pro- the British embassy.

orders for sorely needed productive make payment on a falling one. Union.

According to government offiain will be paid for from a balance set up for London at the New York Federal Reserve bank.

Orders for American goods will be "screened" by the British Board of Trade. If the expenditure is approved, an import license will be issued. The British purchaser will pay in sterling to the Bank of England, which, in turn, will authorize an equivalent withdrawal in dollars from the Federal Reserve bank to the American supplier.

At the ceremony when President Truman affixed his signature to the loan agreement were Secretary of State Byrnes, Secretary of the Treasury Snyder, and officials from

With the controversial British In one sense, British authorities loan out of the way speculation are relieved at what are likely to turned to the prospects that the be delayed delivery dates. Financial Administration will ask congresauthorities there have become sional approval for the extension of alarmed at the trend of prices here a credit of \$1,000,000,000 to Russia. since the end of controls on July 1, There was ample evidence during and are not keen upon spending the congressional debate on the dollar credits at current prices. British loan that there would be charges regarding the act, some-They fear they may be compelled strong opposition to granting a times called the "anti-Petrillo law." the United States by the Constitu-

Petrillo Says Lea Act **Violates Constitution**

Chicago.-Charges that the Lea | abridges freedom of speech. Act is a clear violation of four It is repugnant to the Fifth amendments to the Constitution amendment and particularly the were contained in a motion filed "due process" clause thereof, in with the Federal court here by that it lefines a crime in terms that James C. Petrillo, president of the are excessively vague, in that it American Federation of Musicians denies protection of the law and in (AFL), calling for dismissal of a that it denies liberty of contract. criminal information accusing him of attempting to force a radio station to employ "unnecessary per-

Mr. Petrillo made these specific ment to the Consituion in that it

It violates the Thirteenth amendment, in that it imposes involuntary servitude.

It is contrary to the Tenth amendment, in that it is a Congressional exercise of power not delegated to