

# George Googe Visits AFL Charlotte Office

George L. Googe, Southern director of the American Federation of Labor organizing campaign, was a visitor in Charlotte Tuesday of this week and spent several hours at the Labor Temple conferring with Earl R. Britton, campaign director for the two Carolinas.

Mr. Googe left in the afternoon for Greenville, S. C., where he was scheduled to meet with labor officials in that city in connection with the current membership campaign.

Mr. Googe expects to return to Charlotte at an early date to confer with the Charlotte officials and also be present at the general labor mass meeting

which has been called for August 25 in this city. He will deliver one of the main addresses. Efforts are being made to have several noted labor speakers present to address the gathering.

From Greenville Mr. Googe expected to return to Atlanta and from there he will proceed to Birmingham, Ala., where he has called a meeting of the Southern Advisory committee for August 5-6. He is chairman of the advisory committee, which is composed of State Federations of Labor and Central Labor Union officials from all sections of the South.

Southern Director Googe reports that the South-wide drive

# MASS MEETING OF CHARLOTTE LABOR

A large mass meeting of all Charlotte AFL unions has been called for Sunday, August 25, by a committee of the Charlotte Central Labor Union, headed by Sterling Hicks, president. Tentative plans were made at a meeting of the master committee on arrangements at a meeting held at the Labor Temple on North Tryon street Thursday.

This meeting of the local labor unions will be held to promulgate plans of co-operation with the Southern membership drive of the American Federation of Labor and Southern Director George Googe has indicated that he will be here to attend the meeting, if his busy calendar will permit. Officials of the North Carolina Federation of Labor will also be here, as will also officials of the various Central Labor Unions and their affiliates in the AFL from cities and towns in the surrounding territory, all of whom are being issued urgent invitations to attend.

The Central Labor Union committee has named the presidents and secretaries of all local affiliated and non-affiliated AFL unions to be a part of the master committee on arrangements and President Hicks will issue another call for a meeting of this committee as a whole early next week.

According to plans of the Central Labor Union committee the meeting is to be held in the Mecklenburg County Superior Court room, which will accommodate several hundred people. The local meeting is expected to be one of the largest and most enthusiastic labor gatherings held in the history of local labor. Also policies and plans to be devised at this meeting are expected to expedite Charlotte Labor's march forward in the weeks and months just ahead.

The members of the Central Labor Union committee who met Thursday were: Sterling Hicks, president, Claude Nolan, R. L. Stitt, Dan Anderson, E. A. Tarver and H. A. Stalls. Another committee meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday.

self-discipline and restraint. We must refrain from causing any interruption of production, because production alone can save us.

"By using sound judgment and avoiding ill-considered action now, American workers will be protecting their own economic safety and helping the Nation pass safely through economic upheaval. We will be in a far better position then to demand safeguards against future economic crises as a reward for our contribution to the public welfare."

Regarding failure of Congress to enact legislation of great benefit to the Nation in general, Mr. Green said:

"The President asked amendments to the Social Security Act to broaden the coverage and increase the benefits. This was not done. The President called for the retention of the U.S. Employment Service in the federal government, at least, during the transition. This was refused. The President urged the adoption of a comprehensive health and medical care program. Congress failed to enact such a program. The President requested amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act to increase substantially the level of minimum wages. This proposal has been laid aside.

"The President urged the adoption of a permanent long-range housing program to bring decent housing within the reach of families of all incomes. At the eleventh hour before the recess the House of Representatives has not yet voted on his vital legislation. The President requested the establishment of a Permanent Fair Employment Practice commission. That request went unheeded. The President recommended the enactment of an effective Full Employment bill. Instead, Congress approved a bill which falls dismally short of its purpose.

"Each and every one of these failures of this Congress to discharge its public responsibility has directly contributed to the tenion and industrial unrest in mines, factories, and shops throughout the nation."

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Atlanta, Ga. — Chauffeurs and Teamsters Local Union No. 450 has reported the signing of two renewal agreements covering employes in the oil industry. Teamsters employed at the Wofford Oil Company in the new

agreement received from \$5 to \$20 monthly wage increase. The classifications of workers who received the increased conditions are drivers, warehousemen, clerks, mechanics, yardmen and cashier. This contract is retroactive to April 1, 1946, and will continue in force and effect for one year.

The employes of Southeast Ter-

minal (Pure Oil Company) received an 18 per cent over-all wage hike beginning as of December 15, 1945. Loading station employes (operators) and yardmen are covered by this contract, which will expire on December 15, 1946.

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## Green Condemns Record Of Congress

### As 'Utter Failure' To People Of U. S.

Detroit.—Warning that an apathetic Congress has brought the Nation face to face with unbridled inflation by yielding to special interests who demand removal of price controls on vital items, AFL President William Green, nevertheless, cautioned workers throughout the country against retaliation through strikes.

Keynoting the annual convention of the Railroad Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes here, Mr. Green pulled no punches in charging Congress has betrayed the American people and expressed deep disappointment that "the victory we won at such heavy cost has not yet brought us security in world or domestic affairs which we were assured would follow."

"All of us are deeply disappointed," he said, "that the nations of the world have thus far been unable to conclude a just and lasting peace. The constant quarrels at international conferences, the selfish pressure for territorial aggrandizement and the virtual abandonment of the principles embodied in the Atlantic Charter and the Four Freedoms, can only confirm our fears that the seeds of another war are even now being sown.

"On the home front, the picture is scarcely more encouraging. Inflation threatens. Full production and full employment are still distant objectives. No progress has been made toward giving the American people firmer protection against the hazards of poverty, illness and economic depression. Furious assaults have been made by reactionary forces in Congress and in the State legislatures against the basic freedoms of American workers and their trade unions.

Congress failed utterly to provide for human needs during reconversion. "The action of the Senate in voting to end price controls on many articles of food which are essential to the national diet came as a startling shock to the American people. It constituted a complete surrender to the demands of special interests a dangerous repudiation of the public welfare.

"It seems incredible that the Congress should deliberately expose our national economy to disastrous inflation. After so many years of holding the line, at great sacrifice it is tragic indeed that Congress should abandon that line only a few short months before further controls would no longer be necessary.

"Existing shortages were created by the war and the aftermath of is progressing satisfactorily up to date, and that hundreds of new members are being enrolled all over Dixie during the initial stages of the membership campaign.

The mass meeting called for August 25th in Charlotte will be held in connection with the AFL activities in Charlotte and surrounding territory.

war. They are rapidly being met as our industrial machine swings into high gear. Inflation thrives on shortages, but collapses with full production. If Congress persists in refusing to adopt an effective OPA law even for only a few more months, the only way we can head off disastrous inflation is to expand production in every possible way until it meets demand. Then prices are bound to level off.

"I know there is a strong feeling among many American workers to retaliate against profiteering and congressional blunders by striking. That is not the wise course. In this crisis, labor must exercise iron

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