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LABOR DAY GREETINGS

The Journal editor and staff take time off the daily "grind" to extend greetings to the working men and women of North Carolina and South Carolina, and, in fact, all through the Nation.

After many years of endeavor by our forefathers Labor Day was recognized as a law of the United States through an act of Congress, which means that our Nation as a whole desires to pay just tribute to the people who toil.

In this The Journal and its entire staff join the multitudes in wishing for all Americans nothing other than the best that our great God provides.

THE MASS MEETING IN CHARLOTTE

The Labor mass meeting in the Mecklenburg County Courthouse under sponsorship of Charlotte Central Labor Union Sunday afternoon, August 25th, was largely attended by delegates representing American Federation of Labor Unions throughout North Carolina and South Carolina.

The August 25th meeting was the formal opening of the American Federation of Labor's membership drive for the two Carolinas and plans were laid here for a most intensive campaign to get underway within a short time.

Although a nice crowd came to Charlotte to participate in this rally, may The Journal take time out to herald that the attendance should have been much larger.

Sterling L. Hicks, president of Charlotte Central Labor Union, Claude Nolan, business agent for the Carpenters, Dan Anderson, business agent for the Teamsters and Chauffeurs, and others of the local labor movement, deserve praise for the fine work they did in instigating the meeting.



LABOR DAY, 1946

Union Wages Create Prosperity

I. M. ORNBURN, Secretary-Treasurer Union Label Trades Department, American Federation of Labor

Labor Day always marks great progress in the American Federation of Labor movement. The past year has been one of outstanding achievement.

All practical economists agree that higher Union wages comprise the major portion of American purchasing power. Lower wages which cause underconsumption are the chief reason for depressions.

The A.F.L. Union Label and Industrial Exhibition to be held in St. Louis, October 29 to November 3, 1946, will be a visual demonstration that Union-wage purchasing power—spent for Union Label goods—is the quickest route to Prosperity!

Rejects U.S. Move to Dictate on Labor Issues

Chicago.—Concluding its mid-summer session with a series of rapid-fire actions designed to make the American Federation of Labor stronger than ever before in history, the AFL Executive Council served notice on the Government that it will resist any further interference with labor-management relations.

Voicing the policy of the Federation's leaders, President William Green announced rejection of proposals that the President call another national labor-management conference in Washington.

"We doubt the wisdom of such action," Mr. Green declared. "It would not be productive of good results. We prefer to work out agreements with employers through collective bargaining, free from Government intervention and Government control."

The suggestion for a labor-management conference was interpreted by AFL leaders as a desperate CIO ruse for the Government to come to its rescue. Shaky from inner feuds with Communist leaders and from the impact of outside economic pressures, the CIO was further weakened by defections from its ranks with more and more unions bidding to rejoin the AFL.

By contrast, developments at the Executive Council meeting confirmed that the AFL is now at peak strength and growing more powerful all the time. Outstanding developments at the closing session were:

1. Chartering of a new union, the 106th in the Federation's family, with 30,000 members. Its name is the National Farm Labor Union. Most of its members are employed on big plantations in the South.

2. Creation of a new department within the AFL to be known as the Maritime Trades Department. Starting with a nucleus of five powerful unions whose members are engaged in shipping and waterfront activity, the new organization will set out to wipe out Communist influence in the maritime industry. It will hold its Constitutional convention in Chicago Oct. 7.

3. Announcement by Secretary-Treasurer George Meany that the AFL's total paid-up membership hit an all-time high of 7,007,000 as of July 31 and indications that this figure will go up to 7,100,000 by Aug. 31, the end of the AFL's fiscal year.

The Executive Council also assumed militant leadership in the field of foreign affairs. Developments included:

1. Strong denunciation of the continued use of slave labor and forced labor by European countries, coupled with a demand that goods made by such oppressed workers be barred from world trade.

2. Appointment of two fraternal delegates from the AFL to the forthcoming convention of the British Trades Union Congress in England. They are Thomas Kennedy, Secretary-Treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America, and Ed J. Brown, President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

3. Appeals to President Truman and the State Department to use their influence to end suppression of free trade unionism in China. This action was taken in response to a cabled request from H. F. Chu, representing Chinese labor, who reported that Chinese labor leaders had been arrested in Shanghai and

Chunking and that workers' schools, hospitals and welfare centers, paid for by funds contributed by AFL members, had been seized by Government authorities.

"Under the present political situation, free trade unionism has been utterly crushed in China," Mr. Chu said in his cablegram from Shanghai.

Joseph A. Padway, chief counsel for the AFL, reported in detail to the Council on the trend of anti-labor legislation in Congress and in the State Legislatures. The Council ordered a vigorous drive to counteract such moves and to challenge in the courts the validity of anti-labor laws already adopted.

An application was made by representatives of the Post Office Mechanics Union, an independent organization representing 3,000 workers, for a charter of affiliation as a national union. The matter was referred to the AFL Government Employees Council for investigation, with the prospects of an early and favorable report.

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