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GREEN URGES LABOR TO ELECT ITS FRIENDS Union Label And Industrial Exhibition In St. Louis

Urges Weighing Candidates' Records

Washington.—Playing host to the leaders of the Republican and Democratic National Committees over a nationwide radio hook-up Saturday, October 26, AFL President William Green sounded a strong nonpartisan appeal to American workers to elect their friends and defeat their enemies in the approaching national elections.

Voting a straight party ticket "may be smart politics," he said, but it "does not make for good government" and is highly injurious to the worker, in view of the fact that the views of candidates range from "extreme conservatism to extreme liberalism."

Carroll Reece, chairman of the Republican National Committee, and Robert E. Hannagan, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, spoke for the major parties. Each assured labor that its interests would best be served by voting a straight Republican or Democratic ticket.

However, though he welcomed the opportunity to permit the leaders of both major parties to present their platforms as they affect labor issues, Mr. Green sounded a word of caution with reference to the use of the ballot. People who are friendly to the cause of labor, he said, should be elected without regard to party label, and those who are known to be unfriendly should be emphatically rejected.

"To make democracy effective," Mr. Green said, "it is vital that the American people vote and that they vote intelligently. But it should be emphasized that in presenting the campaign arguments of the chairmen of the Republican and Democratic National Committees, the American Federation of Labor does not assume responsibility for their statements, nor does it necessarily endorse their views."

"Political leaders, from time immemorial, have exhorted the public to vote a straight party ticket. This may be smart politics but it does not make for good government. Both major parties are sponsoring candidates for Congress in this election whose views range from extreme conservatism to extreme liberalism. The voter cannot determine their views merely by their party label. He must judge by their records."

"The American Federation of Labor has compiled the voting records of all members of Congress on key legislation of direct concern to every wage earner in the nation. We have distributed these voting records to all our State and city federations of labor so that they can be given the widest publicity at the local level. By consulting these records, the

MOST FOODS, BEVERAGES, OTHER ITEMS FREED FROM PRICE CONTROLS BY OPA

Washington, D. C. — In two sweeping orders, the OPA wiped out price controls over virtually all foods, liquor, beer, and a long list of non-food products ranging from cosmetics to lumber.

Officials conceded that prices of these items would soar as a consequence of this action, but expressed confidence they will level off when supplies approach demand.

Ceilings were retained on sugar, sugar products, finished rice, soap, and a long list of inedible oils, fats and tallows needed in manufacture of paints.

Ceilings were removed on food and liquor prices, also, in public eating places.

There was no immediate indication when the agency will give

way in such fields as rents, building materials, clothing, auto mobiles and still scarce household appliances.

The food price order, which leaves only 3 per cent of the family food budget under price control, frees flour, bread and bakery products, canned fish, candy, bananas and oranges, canned tomatoes and tomato products, canned pineapple and pineapple juice, breakfast cereals, macaroni and spaghetti.

The list of non-food items released from price control follows:

Bone ash, lamp black, photo oil colors, stove polish, compressed ethylene, vegetable tanning extracts, bicycle tires and tubes, rubber boat fenders and bump-

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CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IS BACKED BY ORGANIZED LABOR

The Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, soon to be renamed the Charlotte Municipal Symphony, has the full endorsement of James Petrillo and the American Federation of Musicians, not to mention Local 342, of Charlotte. In fact, it has been mainly through the efforts of certain officers and members of Local 342 that the orchestra was carried through a period of uncertainty about two years ago. For the last two years the above local has been the largest single financial contributor to the orchestra.

The orchestra is announcing its second concert of the new season for Wednesday, November 6th, at 8:30 P. M., in the Armory Auditorium. All members and friends of organized labor are urged to attend and give this deserving organization the backing it merits.

Joan Geiffuss, well-known pianist of Charleston, S. C., is the featured soloist, and will be presented with the Orchestra in "Deep Purple" and "Warsaw Concerto."

Tickets will be put on sale Monday at all Charlotte Music Stores, single concert tickets at \$1.75 and 90c and Season Tickets at \$6.00 for Adult and \$3.00 for Students.

GREEN CALLS ON NEBRASKANS TO DEFEAT AMENDMENT OUTLAWING UNION SHOPS

Washington, D. C.—AFL President William Green, in a special message to the recent convention of the Nebraska State Federation of Labor at Stock Bluff, sounded an urgent call upon labor in that State to defeat the proposed amendment to the State Constitution designed to "abolish the union shop."

Warning that such an amendment, upon which a vote will be taken in the November elections, would undermine the liberties of labor in that State and throw labor relations there into constant turmoil, Mr. Green said:

"There is abundant evidence that the enemies of labor are carrying on a concerted drive against the trade union movement and the high standards it has succeeded in obtaining for American workers."

"Right here in the State of Nebraska, for instance, there is a move on now to abolish the union shop by amendment to the State Constitution. A referendum will be held on Election Day to let the people of this State decide the fate of this anti-labor proposal."

"I appeal to you with all the earnestness at my command to defeat this proposed amendment. By so doing, you will not only be protecting the rights of the working people in Nebraska, but you will be striking a decisive blow against the development of Fascism in America."

"The courts have held in any number of decisions that the union shop is lawful, that it is Constitutional, that it is in the public interest and that it does not deny any man or woman the right to work."

"The union shop is falsely termed a closed shop by the enemies of labor in order to make it appear that opportunities for jobs are shut off to those who seek work. That is propaganda of the lowest type."

"Actually the union shop is part

Old Dominion Head Charges NLRB-Union With Collaboration

Following the postponement of a National Labor Relations Board election at the plant of the Old Dominion Box company's Charlotte plant last week E. S. Dillard, general manager, issued a statement in which he charged an "amazing display of collaboration" between the NLRB and the Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Workers Union. The NLRB postponed the holding of the election on October 22, the day before it was to be held, after charges of unfair labor practices had been filed by the union against the Old Dominion plant. This is normal procedure, it is understood.

However, the Old Dominion plant went ahead and held an unofficial election on October 23. Rev. George D. Heaton, pastor of Myers Park Baptist church, who is a member of the North Carolina Arbitration board, was called in by Mr. Dillard to conduct the unofficial election.

As a result of this action Donald M. Hunt, union representative, said that it is a violation of the labor laws and that his union has taken steps to oppose it.

Relative to the postponement of the election and the holding of an unofficial election on October 23, Mr. Dillard and Dr. Deaton issued statements. These were answered by Julian Green, of the Pulp Workers. All three statements follow:

MR. DILLARD'S STATEMENT
"An amazing display of effective collaboration between the National Labor Relations Board and the United Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite, and Paper Workers resulted in postponement of the election on October 23 which the union, for many months, has been so urgently insisting upon."

"A meeting with a National Labor Relations Board agent—the union representatives—and management representatives—for the purpose of checking the eligible voting list was scheduled for 5 p. m. Oct. 22. Around 5:20 the union representative called us on the telephone and advised that the election was being postponed in view of unfair labor charges they were filing against us. At 5:25 we received a telegram from the NLRB confirming the postponement of the election. At 5:30 the union representative was in front of our plant distributing pamphlets to our employees advising them of the postponement of the election."

"It is perfectly obvious that both the Labor Board and the union knew that the election would be postponed at least several hours before the company was notified, in order to give the union a chance to be first to break the bad news to our employees in an attempt to pull the union's chestnuts out of the fire."

"We immediately contacted a prominent Baptist preacher—who is also a member of the North Carolina Arbitration Board—Dr. George D. Heaton—and requested that he talk to all of our employees in the prospective bargaining unit. After requesting all representatives of management to leave the meeting, Dr. Heaton asked for an expression from the employees as to whether or not they wanted to hold an election anyway. All employees—except two—wished to express themselves on the matter, so Dr. Heaton conducted an election by secret ballot, which resulted in a vote of 151 against the union and 61 for the union. The attached statement by Dr. Heaton outlines specifically the basis upon which the election was held."

"As for the charges filed against us—these are ludicrous and only intended to delay an official election. We are surprised that a great deal more charges have not been filed against us."

"As matters now stand, the official election has been indefinitely called off. Anybody can draw his own conclusion as to where our people stand."

DR. HEATON'S STATEMENT
Dr. Heaton's statement follows: "At the request of Mr. E. S. Dillard (Continued On Page 3)

Union Label Proof Of Labor Co-operation

St. Louis, Mo.—The union label, shop card and button constitute the American consumers' greatest insurance that the products they buy are the finest in the world and produced under standards unmatched by any other nation.

This was the declaration of AFL President William Green at the opening here of the AFL Union Label and Industrial Exhibition in ceremonies broadcast over a nationwide hookup.

Expansion of the free enterprise system, and less dependence upon government, is the key to American prosperity, Mr. Green told the nation.

"We in the American Federation of Labor," he declared, "are determined that free enterprise shall survive in America because it has brought to the people of our country a higher standard of living than is enjoyed in any other nation on earth."

"But the free enterprise system is not a one-way street. Labor must be assured of its freedom, as well as industry, in order to make the system work effectively. The two are mutually interdependent. One cannot exist or make any progress without the other. The sooner we all recognize the truth and abide by it, the sooner lasting prosperity and industrial peace can come to America."

The union label, Mr. Green declared, is an assurance to the consumer that the products he buys "are made in America by union workers under decent union standards."

Gov. Phil M. Donnelly, who proclaimed the opening day of the exhibition, October 29, "Missouri Day," and Mayor A. P. Kaufman of St. Louis, who set aside the entire week as "Union Label Week," participated in the ceremonies. Both extolled the standards established by union workmen.

Mr. Green's address, in part, follows:

"These ceremonies mark the opening of the Union Label and Industrial Exhibition of the American Federation of Labor, here in St. Louis—an exhibition of productive efficiency, modern ingenuity and masterful workmanship which are unmatched anywhere in the world."

"In the transition from a wartime to a peacetime economy, many upsetting developments have occurred. Irritating shortages of consumer goods persist and troublesome industrial dis-

putes are still causing interruptions of production. The American people are becoming understandably impatient with these delays."

"Labor shares their concern. The workers of this country are anxious to have the cost of living stabilized at a reasonable level. They want to make their contribution to full production by working steadily at good jobs for wages which will enable them to meet necessary family expenses and save a little for a rainy day."

"I predict that most of our present economic troubles will disappear once the difficult period of readjustment is ended. We will then be able to set our economy on an even keel, steer a straight course and call for full speed ahead on production."

"The coming of that day can be expedited by sincere teamwork between labor and management. I am convinced that the time has arrived when American industry and the trade union movement must stand on their own feet and solve their own problems, by mutual understanding and co-operative action, instead of running to the Government for help. Surely, our experience should have taught us that Government intervention leads only to Government control. And, surely, we have learned by now that we need less Government control, not more, if the American free enterprise system is to survive."

"Labor's willingness to give constructive co-operation to industries which are fair to their workers is perhaps most graphically illustrated by the union label. The union label on a product means that it is made in America by union workers under decent union standards and under clean and sanitary conditions. The same is true of the union shopcard and

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WIDE GAINS MARK SOUTHERN DRIVE; AFL SCORES ONCE MORE AT OAK RIDGE

Atlanta, Ga. — Far reaching gains in the AFL's drive to organize 1,000,000 workers throughout the South, revealed in daily reports pouring into the headquarters of the campaign here, were highlighted by announcement that the AFL was elected the collective bargaining agent for the 1,100 service and maintenance workers in Oak Ridge, Tenn., seat of the atom bomb project.

In an NLRB election at the Roan-Anderson Co., the AFL received 700 votes and 43 workers voted for no union. The CIO and the International Machinists Union withdrew from the contest when it became obvious they didn't have a look-in.

This victory followed by several

weeks that registered when employees of the Monsanto Chemical Co. at Oak Ridge selected the AFL as their bargaining agent.

Other reports from widely scattered areas revealed important expansion of existing AFL unions, establishment of many new organizations, NLRB election victories and negotiation of new contracts carrying pay increases, improved working conditions and other major benefits.

Outstanding among these reports are the following:

The Tobacco Workers International Union won 11 elections and established contract relationships for these companies in the Eastern Carolinas and Virginia since the Southern campaign got under way. Wage increases up to 15

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