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## CENTRAL LABOR UNION CALLS UPON ALL LABOR MEN TO VOTE IN PRIMARY

Charlotte Central Labor Union meetings during the past several weeks have been largely attended, due to interest created by the introduction of an anti-closed shop bill in the North Carolina General Assembly several weeks ago and also to the battle waged by North Carolina Labor in its efforts to prevent passage of the anti-union legislation.

Local AFL officials have been extending every co-operation to the State AFL, headed by President C. A. Fink, who was present all during the Legislature's 1947 session. Many delegations have gone to Raleigh from Charlotte to be on hand for testifying before the various committees and the reports of these committees have been coming back before the local American Federation of Labor unions regarding the activities of the legislative committees and also the attitudes and actions of individual members of the General Assembly. So, now, Charlotte Labor has a pretty good idea who its friends are and who its enemies are.

At the last regular weekly meeting plans were made and put into effect to keep an active legislative committee listed in the regular order of business and no doubt this committee will have much to report to the regular weekly meetings of the Central Body henceforth.

The legislative committee, headed by Dan Anderson of the Teamsters and Chauffeurs, Charlotte local, has already gone into action and has prepared and had printed a pamphlet calling upon all members of organized Labor in Charlotte and vicinity to register and vote in the future elections in Charlotte and Mecklenburg county. Locations of the various city wards, their respective registrars, addresses and phone numbers are shown on the pamphlet. A copy of the pamphlet is reproduced for the benefit of Journal readers on page two of this issue. Read it thoroughly and ascertain where your voting precinct is located and be sure to register for the current city primary election, if you have not already attended to this very important duty as a North Carolina citizen.

The Central Labor Union legislative committee has distributed several thousands of the pamphlets to members of the AFL local unions and very shortly will have other information to transmit to the unions. Keep yourself informed as to what is going on politically and otherwise by sending your delegates to the Central Labor Union meetings regularly. Each Thursday night at 8 o'clock during the summer months is the time and the place is Labor Temple, 317 1-2 North Tryon street.

Charlotte Typographical Union recently voted to lay plans for the buying or building of a labor temple as the home for the union and plans toward this end were furthered at the Sunday meeting when plans to incorporate the project were formulated. A board of directors will be nominated and elected shortly and application for the charter will be made.

The regular monthly meeting of Charlotte Typographical Union was held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Labor Temple with President Claude L. Albee, Vice President C. J. Pridgen and Secretary O. N. Burgess at their posts. Considerable business was acted upon during the regular order of business and discussion of the recently-passed anti-closed shop bill by the North Carolina General Assembly was given a period for reports and discussion. As a result Charlotte Typos will offer every co-operation to the

North Carolina Federation of Labor in its efforts to have this anti-union piece of legislation repealed or else have it held unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. It is the general belief of all organized labor that if the law is ever appealed to and heard by the Supreme Court in a test case it will be declared null and void.

The matter of getting all members to register and vote was also discussed and Charlotte Typographical Union will co-operate in every way with the Charlotte Central Labor Union in its current campaign to get the votes out for the coming primary election April 28.

Nominations were made for delegates to the May meeting of the Virginia-Carolinas-District of Columbia Typographical conference which will be held in Washington, D. C. Paul White and J. T. Primm pulled these plums and will represent the Charlotte local.

## Plan To Defeat Reds Proposed By President of AFL

Washington, D. C.—Legislation to outlaw the Communist party in the United States would be unconstitutional and would not prove a solution to combatting Red influences in this country, AFL President William Green declared at a public hearing before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

"The American Federation of Labor believes that the objectives sought in these bills cannot be achieved by this type of legislation," Mr. Green said. "It is altogether alien to the spirit and letter of our Constitution to outlaw ideas. The Constitution of the United States holds inviolate the inalienable right of every American to believe what he will and to speak freely what he believes."

"Beliefs, be they political or religious, or, as in the case of Communism, a combination of both, may not be outlawed. Freedom of speech or of the press likewise may not be abridged by Congress."

"The very strength of democracy lies in its unswerving adherence to the rights of free speech, free inquiry and free interchange of ideas. Democracy in America is ready to meet and to best any alien doctrine without fear and without cowering."

"The very weakness of communism or any other dictatorship is that it cannot survive the practice of these basic freedoms, that it must rely on the rule of force and the rule of fear to cow the people it dominates into submission. To surrender an iota of our basic constitutional freedoms is to detract from the very strength that makes democracy unassailable and to confess of a weakness in the democratic order which does not in reality exist. Totalitarian methods have no place in a democracy. Americans must reject their use, no matter how laudable the ends to which such methods may be put."

"Outlawing Communists would only drive them underground. Communism would be helped, not hindered, by the enactment of laws making Communism illegal."

Mr. Green recommended creation of a national commission, with by-partisan representation in Congress and with representation from the executive and judiciary branches, as well as from management, labor and agriculture, "to restudy the internal and external security of our democracy, and to recommend a comprehensive program consistent with the rights of liberties guaranteed by the Constitution."

By far the most effective weapon against Communist penetration and infiltration is "merciless public exposure of the men and methods utilized by Communists to gain influence and control over political, civic, social and other

organized activities in a community." Such a campaign, Mr. Green declared, would "accomplish more than a thousand criminal penalties directed solely against their formal political activities. The force of the Communist-inspired persuasion withers when brought out into the open. Our unswerving adherence to the freedom of speech and of the press, our ability to expose the true nature of Communism in open discussion and debate, will greatly strengthen the ability of Americans to purge themselves of the false prophets of a phony Utopia."

Mr. Green proposed a requirement for public disclosure of the sources of funds received or spent in any political activity, whether by an organization or an individual.

"Bring the sources of funds supplied for a political purpose into the open and the sources of the subversive and seditious and political activity would promptly dry up," he said.

Communism can be combatted with equal force through a campaign of education, Mr. Green said. The American press, churches, schools, organized labor, citizen groups, all share in responsibility "to bring home forcefully to the average American the advantages and benefits of our private enterprise system and of our free institutions, he pointed out."

"While there remains much to be done to advance the real income and the standard of living of Americans, while they have not achieved the full standard of living to which they are entitled," Mr. Green said, "the fact remains that in no country in the world has the American standard been matched and in no country of the world do workers enjoy the same degree of industrial democracy as in America. The attainment by the people of the United States of the highest standard of living in the world and their enjoyment of greater freedoms than are afforded in any other nation are not an historical accident. They are the product of voluntarism and of the democratic way of life. Fuller knowledge and better understanding of our ways and institutions are a powerful safeguard against the inroads of a foreign ideology."

**PULP WORKERS GAIN**  
Georgetown, S. C.—The International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers (AFL) have signed an important contract in the Woodland's Department of the Southern Kraft Corporation here. The contract covers 2,000 newly organized workers in outside pulpwood operations. Wage increases, paid holidays and vacation were secured.

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## 518 MINES ORDERED CLOSED AFTER LEWIS TALKS BEFORE SENATE

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Hercules with a No. 12 shoe and size 5 hat."

Meanwhile, there appeared a question of whether the miners left idle by the widespread mine shutdown would be eligible for unemployment compensation.

Payment of jobless benefits is determined by each State, but most of them withhold compensation when the workers are made idle by a strike.

Officials of the Department of the Interior privately expressed the opinion that the miners would be entitled to the benefits.



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## PAPER WORKERS WIN RAISE

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