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Talks Of Merging AFL-CIO Suspended For Further Study

BOTH LABOR GROUPS UNITED IN STAND OPPOSING VICIOUS ANTI-UNION BILLS

Washington, D. C.—The initial peace meetings between the American Federation of Labor and the CIO ended without a definite agreement, but with an expressed determination by both sides to explore further the possibilities of bringing about a merger in the near future.

At the same time, the conferees expressed a unanimous determination to fight for the prevention of the enactment of pending anti-labor legislation by Congress.

It was officially revealed that the CIO had refused to accept a sweeping AFL proposal for the immediate return of its affiliates to the American Federation of Labor "as is"—a proposal which would have cemented a united labor movement in America without delay.

The text of the brief, but effective, AFL plan follows:

"It is proposed:
(1) That the national unions of the CIO affiliate with the AFL on the same basis as the United Mine Workers of America—i.e. come in as they are now organized with their full membership.

"(2) That this juncture be complete and effective as of the date of the October Constitutional Convention of the AFL, with full privileged participation by the delegates from the now existing CIO national unions.

"(3) That this sitting joint committee of 10 retain its functioning status ad interim, for the purpose of:

"(a) Implementing this policy by adjustment of details and making recommendations on all matters of recurring importance.

"(b) To pool the influence and resources of both organizations in the most effective manner for the purpose of pending legislation, designed to weaken the economic strength of America's wage earners, destroy their unions and bargaining rights, and to impose comparative serfdom on free men."

The CIO rejected this generous offer and countered with one of its own which contemplated "functional unity" to fight anti-labor legislation at once, but deferred any concrete action toward a real merger of the two organizations until some indefinite time after a long series of conditions would be met. This proposal was not acceptable to the AFL Peace Committee.

The peace committees representing both sides then united in endorsing a joint statement which showed concord in general views, but remained indefinite as to actual accomplishment of peace aims. This statement was accompanied by verbal explanations by AFL President William Green and CIO President Philip Murray that the peace objectives would be explored further at future conferences to be arranged some time within the next two months at

GIVE TO FIGHT



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DISPATCHERS UPHELD BY EMERGENCY BOARD

Washington, D. C.—The right of the Train Dispatchers to represent chief and night chief dispatchers on another railroad, the Louisville & Nashville, was sustained by an Emergency Board.

Unanimously, the three-man board backed the position of the Dispatchers that the scope rule of its agreement with the L. & N. should be broadened to include the above positions.

"The National Mediation Board had previously certified the union as bargaining agency for the men in dispute," but the carrier claimed they are "officers," not employees, and refused to recognize the certification. This compelled the union to take the controversy to an Emergency Board.

STEEL PROFITS SKYROCKET

Steel profits in the third quarter of 1946 were 322 per cent greater than the average for the 1936-39 period.

HEALTH SERVICES SHORT

Forty per cent of U. S. counties have no full-time public health officer to look after preventive health services.

the convenience of the participants.

The text of the joint statement follows:

"It is the unanimous opinion of the representatives of the CIO and the American Federation of Labor that organic unity should be established within the American labor movement.

"We are firmly convinced that the economic, social and industrial interests of labor can best be served through the establishment of a united labor movement. This decision is based upon the modern trend of economic, social and industrial life. It now becomes our duty to lay a sound foundation upon which a superstructure of organic unity can be erected.

"In order to accomplish this purpose we will now proceed to deal with details incidental to the formation and establishment of a strong, united labor movement in the United States.

"We will deal with this and other mutual problems at future meetings of the two organizations herein named. We shall devote our energies and purpose toward the realization of this common objective.

"In the meantime, we shall continue our efforts to prevent the enactment of highly objectionable anti-labor legislation now being considered in the Congress of the United States."

The conferences between the AFL and CIO Peace Committees lasted two days before the indefinite adjournment.

MISHAPS TAKE BIG TOLL OF NATION'S YOUNGSTERS

America has gone a long way in reducing deaths from diseases of childhood, but accidents still take a staggering toll among the "tots," it was pointed out this week by Miss Katharine Lenroot, chief of the U. S. Children's Bureau.

In fact, accidents are now the leading cause of deaths among children, Miss Lenroot declared. For that reason, she said, the Bureau in co-operation with other agencies in conducting an educational campaign to "rouse parents to the need for greater precaution in the home."

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