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REITERATES PLANS TO REPEAL LABOR LAWS

Session Record Of Congress Dismal For Workers

FEDERATION MEET OPENS AUG. 11

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS
FORCED MEASURES
AGAINST LABOR**

Washington, D. C.—The 80th Congress, the first under Republican control since the advent of the New Deal, closed its first session. The record shows it to have been a most reactionary Congress.

Progressive social reforms were eliminated, modified or quietly ignored at this session which has seen the special interest groups riding roughshod over the interests of the American wage earner.

The 80th Congress forced a new concept of labor-management relations upon the nation when it adopted the notorious Taft-Hartley measure which had the whole-hearted support of the National Association of Manufacturers. Over the repeated warnings of labor spokesmen, enlightened industrialists and other public figures, the cause of labor was hamstrung and the government placed right in the middle of labor-management relations. This was precisely what the labor and business leaders who realized that legislation cannot settle labor disputes, recommended against.

The 80th Congress tried to reduce taxes, not for the relief of those most in need but for those already in the high income brackets. Not content with one veto sustained by the House, the determined GOP leadership tried again on a post-dated basis in an effort to make good on a campaign pledge to cut the tax receipts of the Federal Government. The President immediately sent through a second veto message which was sustained in the Senate.

The 80th Congress will be remembered more for what this first session did not accomplish than for any legislative progress which it made.

No action was taken on proposals to increase minimum wage levels despite the trying need for an upward adjustment to compensate for the increases in the cost of living.

Social Security benefits were not increased, nor was the coverage of the law broadened. Instead, the Congress froze the present payroll tax rate at its present level until 1950, making it virtually impossible to liberalize payments.

Despite the existence of a severe housing crisis, the long-range program embodied in the Taft-Hartley Bill was shelved without action. The only measure touching upon the housing problem was the new rent control law which permits landlords to increase rents under "voluntary" agreement with tenants.

Various health measures never reached the floor of either house. With the recognized need for a health insurance program to furnish complete medical care to workers and their families, action by the Senate committee considering this legislation was slowed by the introduction of the Taft Bill designed to provide medical care on a charity basis to those families who successfully passed a means test.

President Truman requested legislation to further social progress in his message to Congress last January and reiterated the need therefor in his recent message transmitting his mid-year economic report.

The first session of the 80th Congress failed to heed his requests.

The North Carolina Federation of Labor convention for 1947 will open in Wilmington Monday, August 11, for a three-day session and, according to the program released by the Wilmington committee on arrangements, the meeting will be honored by the presence of a goodly sprinkling of high American Federation of Labor officials who will address this the most important session of the N. C. Federation to be held in at least 10 years, which carries us back to 1937, when the AFL-CIO split took place.

AFL PRESIDENT



William Green

AFL SEC.-TREASURER



George Meany

William Green, George Meany, I. M. Ornburn and Frank P. Fenton, AFL officials, have been invited to be present, but this week it is reported that perhaps Mr. Green will not be able to attend. However, it is thought that the other AFL officers may be able to be present. George L. Googe, southern AFL director, is also an invited guest and will deliver a speech Tuesday morning, beginning at 11:45 o'clock. In this address Mr. Googe will have much to tell North Carolina unionists relative to the current (Continued on Page 4)

LABEL DIRECTOR



I. M. Ornburn



J. A. SCOGGINS

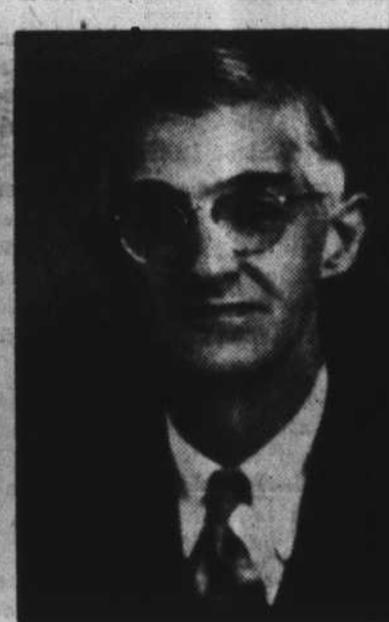
First Vice President North Carolina Federation of Labor Brother Scoggins is also vice president of the Charlotte Central Labor Union, secretary-treasurer of his local electrical workers union, and a hard working unionist in every respect. Mr. Scoggins served as head of the Charlotte Rationing office during the war, being chairman. He is a past president of Charlotte Central Labor Union.

PRESIDENT



C. A. Fink

SECRETARY-TREASURER



H. G. Fisher

SOUTHERN DIRECTOR



George L. Googe

Convention Program

RECREATION CENTER—SECOND AND ORANGE STREETS
WILMINGTON, N. C.

Monday Morning, August 11, 1947

Convention called to order 9:00 A. M. by C. B. Kornegay, President

Wilmington Central Labor Union.

Invocation Reverend Carl Lewis

Pastor Sunset Park Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, by all Delegates present.

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

National Anthem

Richard G. Woods

Address of Welcome

E. L. White

Address of Welcome

Mayor of City of Wilmington

Address of Welcome

H. Winfield Smith

New Hanover County Recorder

A. E. Brown

Response

Chaplain of N. C. State Federation of Labor

Presentation of Gavel to C. A. Fink, President of the N. C. Federation of Labor, and the President's Opening Address.

Convention duly opened for the consideration and transaction of business.

Appointment of Committee on Credentials and Committee on Rules of Order.

11:15 A. M.

Address Forrest H. Shuford

N. C. Commissioner of Labor

12:00 NOON

Address William Green

President, American Federation of Labor

1:00 P. M.

Recess for Lunch.

Monday Afternoon—2:00 o'clock

Report of Credentials Committee.

Obligation and Seating of Delegates.

3:00 P. M.

Address Frank P. Fenton

Director of Organization, American Federation of Labor

4:00 P. M.

Address I. M. Ornburn

Secretary-Treasurer, Union Label Trades Dept.

Introduction of Visitors.

Report of Rules Committee.

Appointment of Committees.

Announcements.

5:00 P. M.

Adjournment.

Tuesday Morning, August 12—9:00 o'clock

Invocation

A. E. Brown

Chaplain, North Carolina Federation of Labor

Reports of Officers.

Introduction of International Union Representatives.

10:00 A. M.

Address John O'Hare

President Tobacco Workers International

11:00 A. M.

Address Nick Collins

Vice-President United Textile Workers of America

11:45 A. M.

Address George L. Googe

Southern Director of the American Federation of Labor

1:00 P. M.

Recess for Lunch.

Tuesday Afternoon—2:00 o'clock

Reports of Committees.

2:15 P. M.

Address T. A. Wilson

Chairman Industrial Commission

3:00 P. M.

Address C. H. Williams

Regional Director, U. S. Conciliation Service, of Atlanta, Georgia

Nomination of Officers.

4:00 P. M.

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CHALLENGES EMPLOYERS
WHO SEEK TO DESTROY
TRADE UNIONS

Sacramento, Calif.—AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany declared vigorously that "labor is not going back to the conditions which existed prior to 1933" despite the Taft-Hartley law and the vicious intentions of all its proponents in and out of Congress.

In an address before the convention of the California State Federation of Labor, Mr. Meany said the American Federation of Labor intends to continue to maintain its organization as an "effective instrument of the nation's workers in their fight for a better life."

While indicating a desire to bargain in good faith with any employer, Mr. Meany warned the reactionary business groups. He said:

"To those employers who feel the Taft-Hartley law is going to enable them to dictate at will the terms and conditions of employment without regard to the welfare and desires of their employees we say—if you want industrial warfare—we accept the challenge."

The AFL leader reiterated the position taken by the American Federation of Labor in announcing a campaign to be undertaken (Please Turn to Page 3)

BUILDING ACTIVITY UP

Washington, D. C.—The U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that a 10 per cent increase in construction activity pushed building expenditures to \$1,229,000,000 in June and gave jobs to 1,760,000 workers. The BLS indicates that this is a 19 per cent increase in financial outlay and a boost of a quarter-million in the number of workers over June, 1946.

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CLAUDE L. ALBEA

President of the Charlotte Central Labor Union and for many years served as president of the Charlotte local of the ITU. He is a former vice president of the North Carolina Federation of Labor, and has served many terms as president of the Charlotte Central Labor Union. Mr. Albea served 12 years on the Charlotte City Council and in June of this year was again named as a member of the Charlotte City Council by a large vote. He is widely known throughout North Carolina Labor circles.

State Federation Meets In Wilmington Aug. 11-12-13