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## McGowan Flays GOP Sees More Militant Labor

Chicago.—President Charles J. MacGowan of the Boilermakers assured the delegates to the union's special conference that the Taft-Hartley law, as vicious as it is, cannot destroy the labor movement.

On the contrary, he predicted, it will stimulate the labor organizations to greater effort and make the labor movement more militant than it has been in years.

MacGowan told of his disillusionment with the Republican party and flayed the record of the 80th Congress under Republican control. He said:

"There was a time when I was naive enough to believe that, with the presence of such great statesmen as La. Follette, Norris, Borah, Johnson, Frazier and others fighting to liberalize the Republican party, we had an excellent chance to succeed in that undertaking.

"But based upon the record of this Congress, I am prepared to assert that liberal thought and progressive action have not only been destroyed within that party, but that it has supinely become the willing instrumentality of every reactionary force in this country, to the extent that the leadership of the Republican party today is morally, intellectually and spiritually bankrupt."

The Boilermakers' leader warned, however, that the answer to the situation is not the formation of a new political party, because this situation is not the formation of a new political party, because this would dissipate liberal strength and entrench reactionaries in public office.

The real remedy, he insisted, is still adherence to "the well-tested policy of 'elect your friends and punish your enemies,' but it should

### REPEALS RACIAL RULE

New York City—The Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees, AFL, has repealed regulations restricting Negroes to membership in local auxiliary lodges, Col. Charles Garside, chairman of the State Commission Against Discrimination, reported. New rules approved at the brotherhood's convention in Cincinnati last May abolish all racial rules in local membership.

be done not merely with declarations, but with more hard work than ever before.

"We must determine that from now until 1948," he said, "every agency we can employ—among our own members, among farmers, small business men and right-thinking people generally—will be used to consolidate the real spirit of America and render a smashing verdict at the polls in 1948, so there can be no question as to what real mandate the American people have given their Congress."

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