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**CONFERENCE ON STATE LABOR LEGISLATION; REPEAL OF LAWS RECOMMENDED**

Washington, D. C.—The National Conference on Labor Legislation adopted a report vigorously criticizing restrictive state labor legislation and urging prompt repeal of the laws.

The conference was attended by state labor commissioners and representatives of organized labor. The session was the 14th held under the auspices of the U. S. Department of Labor.

The report of the committee on state industrial relations gave a strong denunciation of the anti-labor legislation passed by the various states over the last few years. It said in recommending the repeal of the oppressive measures:

"This legislation wipes out traditions and customs that have prevailed for many years in that it denies to the workers the right to enter into union shop agree-

ments with their employers. Many workers are thus denied the right of collective bargaining. In addition, government by injunction has been restored and the employer permitted to practice intimidation, engage in espionage, and, in short, return to the old law of the jungle that prevailed prior to the enactment of legislation guaranteeing the workers the right to organize and bargain collectively."

Included on the industrial relations committee were Lewis G. Hines and Walter J. Mason, legislative representatives for the AFL.

In another action, the conference adopted a report emphasizing the need for basic standards for state child-labor legislation and for incorporating them into state laws. The committee also stressed the importance of strengthening and extending the coverage of the child-labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

The report also expressed concern over the problem of employment, lack of schooling and poor living conditions affecting children in families who migrate from state to state in search of jobs in industrialized agriculture.

It was further recommended that all laws relating to wage-earners be centralized in State Departments of Labor. The committee in charge of this subject described the laws which it felt should be enacted in the states.

A detailed report was adopted on safety and health and workmen's compensation.

The conference agreed to set up in simple form a program of information on how the work of the International Labor Office bears on state laws.

For the first time a discussion of the activities of the ILO was placed on the agenda for the conference. The importance of the states' role in promoting the adoption of world labor standards was emphasized by Under-Secretary of Labor David A. Morse, who acted as head of the U. S. delegation to the recent conference of the ILO held in Geneva.

Other speakers who told of ILO activities were J. D. Zellerbach, American employer delegate, and Forrest H. Shuford, North Carolina Commissioner of Labor.

**\$33,200 PAID VETERANS IN JOB RIGHTS CASES**

Washington, D. C.—Filing of 410 new cases involving veterans re-employment rights in November brought to 1,981 the total of cases pending on December 1, Robert K. Salyers, Director of the U. S. Department of Labor's Veterans Re-employment Rights Division, announced.

During November 612 cases were closed, including the payment of \$33,200 in cash to veterans in lieu of reinstatement to jobs they held before entering the armed services, Salyers said.

The figures, Salyers explained, do not include requests for assistance made by veterans at local State Employment Service offices.

"More than three-fourths of the 1,981 pending cases and more than half of the newly initiated cases filed in November involve veterans discharged prior to January 1, 1947," Salyers explained. He pointed out also that rights of veterans after restoration to 53.7 per cent of the new cases involved their jobs, such as vacations, seniority and other benefits.

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