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## FAILURE TO ENACT ERP MEANS 'RED' GAINS

### WARNING IS SOUNDED IN JOINT LABOR-INDUSTRY APPEAL FOR AID PLAN

Washington, D. C. — AFL President William Green warned that unless the Marshall Plan is enacted western Europe will face the same fate which has befallen Czechoslovakia.

Mr. Green's warning was made in a nation-wide broadcast over the Mutual network devoted to a unique labor-management appeal for adoption of the European Recovery Program.

Joining in the appeal with Mr. Green was Philip D. Reed, chairman of the board of directors of the General Electric Company.

Citing the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia, Mr. Green repeated his previous warnings on the menace inherent in Russia's expansionist policy and said the ERP is a program of "helpfulness and peace" designed to counter the Soviet influence and to establish western Europe as an ally of democratic forces. He said:

"I need not recite here the long and continuous record of obstruction, aggression and broken faith built up by Russia and her satellites during the postwar period. That record is still fresh in all our minds.

"What is happening in Czechoslovakia this week is the same thing that has happened during the past few years in Poland, in Rumania, in Bulgaria and in other nations within the Soviet sphere. Unless we adopt the Marshall Plan and make it work, the same fate is liable to overtake the nations of western Europe during the coming year.

"Russia has two powerful allies in her determined drive to expand her Communist domain first over all of Europe and then throughout the world. Those al-

lies are hunger, and desperation. "On the other hand, we have even more powerful allies on our side! These are the love of peace and freedom shared by all the people of Europe.

"If we can save the democratic nations of Europe from hunger and despair through the Marshall Plan and afford them the means through which they can become self-supporting and independent, the cause of world peace will have been immeasurably strengthened.

"For these reasons, the American Federation of Labor at its annual convention last October sponsored the idea of an international trade union conference in Europe to rally the working people of the co-operating nations in support of the Marshall Plan. Such a conference has now been called by the British Trades Union Congress and the American Federation of Labor will have two representatives in attendance at the sessions in London.

"It should be remembered that Soviet Russia has concentrated her efforts on infiltrating and undermining the labor movements of Europe as a preparatory step toward revolution. The London conference will, in my opinion, prove a healthy step in a world-wide drive to eliminate Russian fifth-columns in labor unions."

## Labor's Political League In Action

### JOSEPH D. KEENAN NAMED TO HIGH LEAGUE POST; FUNDS DRIVE ON

Washington, D. C.—Labor's League for Political Education has swung into action on four fronts, it was announced.

1—Appointment of Joseph D. Keenan, as assistant to the executive officers of the league, was announced by National Chairman William Green and Secretary-Treasurer George Meany. Mr. Keenan, Secretary of the Chicago Federation of Labor, served during the war as Vice Chairman of the War Production Board and later as labor adviser to General Clay in the American-occupied zone of Germany. An energetic organizer, he will undertake the task of setting up the American Federation of Labor's political arm as a powerful force in the 1948 campaign.

2—Mr. Green and Mr. Meany issued an appeal to all affiliated unions to begin a concerted drive among their members for voluntary contributions of \$1 or more to finance the league's activities.

3—National headquarters for the league will be opened on March 1 at 1525 H St. N. W., Washington, D. C., a historic site facing the White House across Lafayette Park.

4—A call was sent out for a

## EMPLOYMENT GAINED STABILITY IN 1947; BLS SAYS DECLINE IN SEPARATIONS

Washington, D. C.—Data prepared by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the month of November reflected the growing stability in employment in industry during the year 1947.


In its regular monthly release, the BLS reported that both quit and layoff rates declined in November, with total separations down from 50 to 40 per 1,000 employees on the payrolls.

While labor turnover usually decreases during the fourth quarter of the year, separation rates for each month of 1947 have been consistently below those for the comparable months of the preceding five years. Much of the stability during 1947, compared with 1946, is attributable to the smoother flow of materials and production and to the "settling down" of veterans in regular jobs.

Both the quit and lay-off rates declined in November. Quits fell from a rate of 36 to 27 per 1,000 employees, as voluntary job shifting generally decreased during the pre-Christmas period. Lay-offs eased down to 8 per 1,000. While slightly above the level of November, 1946, the rate was well below those of the prewar years.

With a reduction in the need for replacements, the hiring rate also dropped, from 55 per 1,000 in October to 47 in November.

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SAMMY EPSTEIN AND GEORGIE BROWN, PLAYING DETECTIVE IN FRONT OF THE SMITH IRON WORKS, SEE SMITH COMING OUT OF THE GATE. WITH HIM IS—SOMEONE ELSE!

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