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LABOR GROUPS TO BE FULLY REPRESENTED IN NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL SAFETY PARLEY

Labor will play an important part in the President's Conference on Industrial Safety, to be held in Washington, September 27, 28 and 29, according to William L. Connolly, director of the Bureau of Labor Standards.

William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, has accepted an appointment on the important coordinating committee of the conference. This committee will meet with President Truman and other conference officials on July 27 to develop the agenda for the preliminary conference in September.

The co-ordination committee will advise and assist the seven general committees which will report to the conference and each of these committees will have a labor representative as its vice-chairman, Connolly said.

Organization of the conference staff is rapidly nearing completion and plans are progressing rapidly for the September meeting, considered the most important national conclave yet held on industrial safety.

Advisory groups interested in every phase of industrial safety will meet with the President in September and prepare programs for immediate action on a nation-wide basis. All committees will be expanded to secure the advice and co-operation of outstanding safety groups and individuals throughout the country and a general conference will follow in the spring of 1949.

Vincent P. Ahearn, executive secretary of the National Sand and Gravel Association, has been appointed executive director of the conference by President Truman and Lloyd A. Blanchard, assistant to the general chairman of the federal safety council and a nationally known industrial safety expert, is assistant executive director.

The State Federation of Labor meeting in Asheville this year promises much constructive action in a political way in the fall elections and we are anxious to hear the reports of the Political Action committee members as to what went on during the days leading up to the primaries in May and June. Are you interested?

Have you named your delegates to the North Carolina State Federation of Labor meeting in Asheville? If you haven't, attend to that important thing at your next meeting.

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FIRMS ASSESSED \$4,850 FOR LABOR VIOLATIONS

Washington. — For having "knowingly employed" child labor in violation of the Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act, four firms and individuals have been assessed \$14,850 in liquidated damages owing to the government, according to four orders affirmed by the late Secretary of Labor L. B. Schwellenbach.

The violations were disclosed through inspections by the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, after which the assessment orders were issued by Wm. R. McComb, administrator. The contracts in amounts over \$10,000, provides that employers who "knowingly employ" boys under 16 and girls under 18 in the filling of such contracts must pay to the government liquidated dam-

ages at the rate of \$10 per day for each day of such employment.

OLIVER NEW PRESIDENT OF TECHNICAL ENGINEERS

Washington.—At the 27th an-

nual convention of the AFL's International Federation of Technical Engineers, Architects and Draftsmen's Unions, held at Milwaukee, Wis., Stanley Oliver, a member of Puget Sound Local 12,

Bremerton, Wash., was elected president.

Mr. Oliver succeeds Mr. Foster J. Pratt, who did not seek reelection.

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