

AFL ISSUES CONVENTION CALL

(Continued From Page 1) will meet at the headquarters of the American Federation of Labor ten days previous to the opening of the Convention, and will report immediately upon the opening thereof at Cincinnati, here secretaries will observe the necessity of mailing the duplicate credentials of their respective delegates at the earliest possible moment to Washington, D. C.

Delegates must be elected at least two weeks previous to the Convention and their names forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer of the American Federation of Labor immediately after their election.

Delegates are not entitled to seats in the Convention unless the tax and assessments of their organization have been paid in full to August 31, 1948.

The importance of our movement, the duty of the hour and for the future, demand that every organization entitled to representation shall send its full quota of delegates to the Cincinnati Convention, November 15, 1948.

CREDENTIALS
Credentials in duplicate are forwarded to all affiliated unions. The original credential should be given to the delegate-elect and the duplicate forwarded to the American Federation of Labor Office, A. F. of L. Building, Washington, D. C.
The Committee on Credentials

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RESOLUTIONS—TIME LIMIT
The provisions of the A. F. of L. Constitution, Article III, Section 6, require all resolutions, petitions, memorials and appeals to be received by the Secretary-Treasurer of the American Federation of Labor, at Headquarters in Washington, D. C., 30 days immediately preceding the opening of the Convention; EXCEPT in instances where such resolutions, petitions, memorials, appeals, etc., proved at a regular convention have been acted upon and approved by a National or International Union or State Federation of Labor, held during this 30-day period, in which event such proposals shall be received up to five days prior to the convening date of the Convention of the American Federation of Labor.

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Any resolutions or proposals received after the expiration of the time limits shall be referred to the Executive Council and the Executive Council shall refer all such proposals to the Convention with the understanding that acceptance of such proposals is dependent upon the unanimous consent of the Convention.

Any or all proposals emanating from directly affiliated local trade and Federal Labor Unions shall be referred to the Executive Council for consideration and disposition. The Executive Council shall in turn advise the Convention of the disposition made of such proposal or proposals.

Three copies of each resolution or proposal should be furnished.

GRIEVANCES
Under the law no grievance may be considered by the Convention which has been decided by a previous Convention, except upon the recommendation of the Executive Council, nor will any grievance be considered where the parties thereto have not themselves previously held conference and attempted to adjust the same. (Art. III, Sec. 12.)

HOTELS
Headquarters for the Executive Council will be at the Netherland-Plaza Hotel.

Delegates will present credentials to the Committee on Credentials at the office of Secretary-Treasurer Meany at the Netherland-Plaza Hotel.

Due to the crowded conditions prevailing in hotels, delegates are requested to make their hotel reservations as soon as possible through Mr. J. S. Turner, Executive Vice President, Cincinnati Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc., Dixie Terminal Building, Cincinnati 2, Ohio.

In all cases please advise the exact date of arrival, and in the event reservations are to be cancelled please advise Mr. Turner immediately.

Following is a list of hotels which have reserved a number of rooms for A. F. of L. delegates:

- Netherland Plaza Hotel:
 - Singles—\$4.00-\$10.00.
 - Doubles—\$6.50-\$12.00.
 - Twin Beds—\$7.00-\$12.00.
 - Suites—\$16.00-\$50.00.
 - Sinton Hotel:
 - Singles—\$3.00-\$8.00.
 - Doubles—\$5.00-\$8.00.
 - Twin Beds—\$6.00-\$10.00.
 - Suites—\$10.00-\$45.00.
 - Alms Hotel:
 - Twin Beds—\$6.00-\$7.50.
 - Metropole Hotel:
 - Singles—\$2.50-\$6.00.
 - Doubles—\$4.00-\$10.00.
 - Twin Beds—\$5.00-\$10.00.
 - Suites—\$10.00-\$20.00.
 - Gibson Hotel:
 - Singles—\$3.25-\$12.00.
 - Doubles—\$5.50-\$12.00.
 - Twin Beds—\$6.00-\$12.00.
 - Suites—\$15.00-\$45.00.
 - Fountain Square Hotel:
 - Singles—\$3.00-\$4.00.
 - Doubles—\$4.50-\$5.50.
 - Twin Beds—\$5.50-\$6.50.
 - Broadway Hotel:
 - Singles—\$3.00.
 - Twin Beds—\$5.00-\$6.00.
 - Palace Hotel:
 - Singles—\$1.75-\$3.00.
 - Doubles—\$3.50-\$4.00.
 - Twin Beds—\$4.50.
- Rates subject to change.
If there be any further information regarding the Convention, or arrangements for the convenience of the Delegates, it will be communicated in a later circular or through the American Federationist.

- Fraternally yours,
WM. GREEN, President.
GEORGE MEANY, Sec.-Treas.
William L. Hutcheson, First Council Member.
Matthew Woll, Second Council Member.
Joseph N. Weber, Third Council Member.
George M. Harrison, Fourth Council Member.
Daniel J. Tobin, Fifth Council Member.
Harry C. Bates, Sixth Council Member.
W. D. Mahon, Seventh Council Member.
W. C. Birthright, Eighth Council Member.
W. C. Doherty, Ninth Council Member.

GREEN REFUTES CLAIM BY STASSEN DEFENDING TAFT-HARTLEY ANTI-LABOR LAW

Detroit.—The arguments advanced by Harold E. Stassen in defense of the Taft-Hartley law were shot full of holes by AFL President William Green in an address here before the 6th biennial convention of the AFL's Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

In a vigorous attack on the GOP spokesman's position, Mr. Green declared:

"His facts were wrong, his figures were misleading, and his conclusions were entirely off base."

Backing up this charge, Mr. Green proceeded to disprove the statements made by the former governor of Minnesota and emphasized additional points against the Taft-Hartley law which, he said, "Mr. Stassen conveniently ignored." The AFL chief declared:

"First, Mr. Stassen contended that under the Taft-Hartley Act labor has negotiated the best wage contracts in history. Of course, Mr. Stassen forgets that the Taft-Hartley Act has nothing whatever to do with the negotiation of wage rates. He also forgets that present day wages are being paid in inflation dollars, worth less than half prewar dollars in purchasing power.

"It is well worth while emphasizing right here that the same team of Republican and reactionary southern Democrats who joined together to enact the Taft-Hartley Act over the President's veto, collaborated again and again to prevent Congress from taking any effective action to halt inflation and bring down the cost of living. As a result, although wage rates appear to be high today, the take-home pay of American workers buys less at the grocery store than it did in 1944 before the Taft-Hartley Act was passed.

"Secondly, Mr. Stassen maintained that wage contracts are being negotiated with fewer strikes and wage losses due to strikes in 1946.

"Why do you suppose that Mr. Stassen chose 1946 as the basis of his comparison? Of course, he might say that 1946 was the year before the Taft-Hartley Act was passed. But if he wants to be fair with the American people and does not want to mislead them, he should also make it clear that 1946 was the year of reconversion, the year when our feverish war-time production was suddenly stopped in its tracks by victory and therefore, the year of fundamental industrial upset.

"Workers abruptly lost their wartime overtime and sought compensating increases in wage rates which were denied to them during the war by the stabilization program. When industry resisted, widespread strikes took place. The same thing happened after World War I. But once these adjustments were made and completed, America should have been able to look forward to a long period of labor-management peace, such as occurred after World War I. Have we attained that under the Taft-Hartley Act? One glance at the daily newspapers is enough to dispel any such idea.

"Certainly there is no factual basis for the claim that the Taft-Hartley Act has brought about labor-management peace. On the contrary, there are innumerable cases of strikes during the past year which were caused for no other reason than the Taft-Hartley Act's own provisions. For instance, the printer's strikes in Chicago and other cities resulted directly from the disruption of century-old union-security standards by the provision of the Taft-Hartley Act. This is admitted by both the publishers and the union.

"Let's get on to some of Mr. Stassen's other points. In one breath he asks 'why does he (the Member. David Dubinsky, Tenth Council Member. Charles J. MacGowan, Eleventh Council Member. Herman Winter, Twelfth Council Member. D. W. Tracy, Thirteenth Council Member. Executive Council, American Federation of Labor. Secretaries will please read this call at first meeting of their organization. Labor and reform press please copy.

President), complain about a law which provides for 80 days to settle a dispute affecting the whole country without a strike?' In the next breath, he adds 'why does he complain about a law which does not take away the authority to strike?'

"Clearly those two claims of the former governor of Minnesota are self-contradictory. Anyone familiar with labor-management relations knows that if a law can prevent a strike for 80 days it does prevent, for all practical purposes, any effective strike. Nor is that all. Mr. Stassen again conveniently forgets to mention the injunction provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act under which strikes can be prevented or halted by the mere issuance of a court order.

"Time and again during the past year, workers smarting against a sense of injustice have been forced to work against their will because of injunctions issued by the courts under the Taft-Hartley Act. What choice did they have? They could either continue on the job under conditions which they resented or defy the courts and risk being sentenced to jail. This alternative of 'work or jail' does not square with the principles of American freedom. It constitutes involuntary servitude.

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