

AFL CONVENTION CALENDAR

Following is a list of conventions scheduled for this year by National and International Unions and State Federations of Labor under the banner of the American Federation of Labor. This list is not final or complete. Additions will be announced later:

- March 21—Office Employees International Union, St. Louis, Mo.
- March 21—International Brotherhood of Paper Makers, Cincinnati.
- March —Seafarers International Union of North America, Baltimore, Md.
- April 4—Coopers International Union of North America, St. Louis, Mo.
- April 4—Florida State Federation of Labor, Lakeland, Fla.
- April 4—Louisiana State Federation of Labor, Shreveport, La.
- April 25—Hotel and Restaurant Employees, etc., Chicago, Ill.
- May —Associated Actors and Artists of America, New York.
- May 2—International Brotherhood of Boiler Makers, etc., Montreal.
- May 2—United Wall Paper Craftsmen, etc., Niagara Falls, N. Y.
- May 5—Tennessee State Federation of Labor, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- May 9—Laundry Workers International Union, Chicago, Ill.
- May 10—Iowa State Federation of Labor, Mason City, Iowa.
- May 12—Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, Harrisburg, Pa.
- May 13—Kansas State Federation of Labor, Topeka, Kans.
- May 16—Arkansas State Federation of Labor, Little Rock, Ark.
- May 16—Michigan State Federation of Labor, Jackson, Mich.
- May 16—Missouri State Federation of Labor, Jefferson City, Mo.
- May 16—Virginia State Federation of Labor, Richmond, Va.
- May 18—Georgia State Federation of Labor, Columbus, Ga.
- May 22—Maryland-D. C. State Federation of Labor, Ocean City, Md.
- May 23—International Ladies Handbag, Luggage, etc.—Atlantic City, N. J.
- May 28—International Association of Siderographers, Washington, D. C.
- June 4—South Dakota State Federation of Labor, Rapid City, S. D.
- June 13—The Order of Railroad Telegraphers, Tampa, Fla.
- June 19—Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, Detroit, Mich.
- June —Boot and Shoe Workers Union, Undecided.
- June 20—Oregon State Federation of Labor, Eugene, Oregon.
- June 20—Texas State Federation of Labor, Beaumont, Texas.
- June 20—International Plate Printers, etc., Ottawa, Can.
- June 30—South Carolina State Federation of Labor, Spartanburg, S. C.
- July 11—Washington State Federation of Labor, Spokane, Wash.
- July 18—International Stereotypers and Electrotypers, etc., Los Angeles, Calif.
- Aug. —Radio Directors Guild, Undecided.
- Aug. 8—North Carolina State Federation of Labor, Charlotte, N. C.
- Aug. 13—International Typographical Union, Oakland, Calif.
- Aug. 15—Utah State Federation of Labor, Logan, Utah.
- Aug. 15—Wisconsin State Federation of Labor, Eau Claire, Wis.
- Aug. 15—International Photo Engravers, etc.—Columbus, Ohio.
- Aug. 22—American Federation of Teachers, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Aug. 25—West Virginia State Federation of Labor, Parkersburg, W. Va.
- Sept. —International Association of Marble, Slate, etc., Buffalo, N. Y.
- Sept. 4—North Dakota State Federation of Labor, Fargo, N. D.
- Sept. —New Jersey State Federation of Labor, Atlantic City, N. J.
- Sept. —Mississippi State Federation of Labor, Gulfport, Miss.
- Sept. 8—Arizona State Federation of Labor, Undecided.
- Sept. 12—Nebraska State Federation of Labor, North Platte, Neb.
- Sept. 12—International Chemical Workers, Montreal, Can.
- Sept. 12—International Union of Wood, Wire, etc., Los Angeles, Calif.
- Sept. 12—International Union of Metal Polishers, etc., Rochester, N. Y.
- Sept. 12—Amalgamated Association of Street and Elec., etc., Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Sept. 16—Nevada State Federation of Labor, Las Vegas, Nev.
- Sept. 19—Minnesota State Federation of Labor, Undecided.
- Sept. 19—The Commercial Telegraphers, etc., Montreal, Can.
- Sept. 26—Illinois State Federation of Labor, Springfield, Ill.
- Sept. 26—Metal Trades Department, St. Paul, Minn.
- Sept. 30—Union Label Trades Department, St. Paul, Minn.
- Oct. 7—New Mexico State Federation of Labor, Albuquerque, N. M.
- Oct. 24—Kentucky State Federation of Labor, Louisville, Ky.
- Oct. 17—Railway Mail Association, Omaha, Neb.
- Dec. 1—International Union of Journeymen-Horse, etc., Arcadia, Calif.

Legislative Program

The American Federation of Labor will concentrate its efforts in the current session of Congress on obtaining repeal of the obnoxious Taft-Hartley Act, but this should not obscure the fact that there are many other major planks in the Federation's legislative program which vitally affect the interests of American workers and for which we will fight unceasingly.

Therefore the Executive Council finds it advisable to make public at this time a summary of the outstanding measures included in the AFL's legislative objectives:

- 1. TAFT-HARTLEY ACT**—We favor outright repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act with simultaneous reenactment of the National Labor Relations Act. We also urge Congress to repeal the Hobbs Act and the Lea Act.
- 2. HOUSING**—We seek enactment of a comprehensive housing program. This includes rent control.
- 3. FOREIGN POLICY**—We endorse the President's firm policy toward Russia as the only practical way to attain eventual world peace. We want Congress to appropriate sufficient funds to permit the ECA to carry on its work to a successful conclusion.
- 4. INFLATION CONTROL**—We prefer voluntary methods to resumption of price controls, which should be employed only as a last resort. If taxes should be increased, the burden should be placed upon those best able to pay. Taxes in low-income groups, who were given the least measure of relief in the last tax law, should not be raised.
- 5. SOCIAL JUSTICE PROGRAM**—The Executive Council favors broad improvements in the social security system, a national health program, disability insurance, a nationalized unemployment compensation system, increase of the minimum wage to \$1 an hour with broader coverage of the Fair Labor Standards Act, an effective billion-dollar program of Federal aid to education and continuation of the school lunch program. Also we call upon Congress to adopt the President's Civil Rights program.
- 6. NATIONAL DEFENSE**—The Executive Council pledges full support of a truly adequate national defense program for all branches of the armed services. We feel also that Congress should give attention to the need for an expanded merchant ship construction program and the safeguarding of a strong American merchant marine by subsidies. This ship construction program should be fairly distributed in the various areas of the country.
- 7. NATURAL RESOURCES**—As part of our national defense program and as an essential step toward an expanding American economy, a constructive program for the development and protection of our natural resources should be adopted by Congress. This includes power development, soil conservation and reclamation, irrigation and flood control. We favor creation of river valley authorities, similar to the outstandingly successful TVA, to do this job. We also call upon Congress to encourage development of research for the harnessing of atomic energy to industrial productive uses.
- 8. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE LEGISLATION**—The AFL will support legislation to raise the standards and improve the conditions of government employees.
- 9. LABOR DEPARTMENT**—We favor transfer to this department of the functions and agencies which properly belong to it, to the end that the Department of Labor may once more become an effective instrument for the protection of the wage earners of the Nation.
10. There are any number of additional measures and proposals in which the Federation takes an active interest for or against. For instance, we will urge liberalization of the Displaced Persons Act, support the establishment of a National Science Foundation, etc. Therefore, the omission of any particular measure from this summary of major legislative objectives, should not and does not imply any lack of interest on our part.

Keep Rent Control, AFL Tells Congress

Washington. — Rent control must be extended, the House Committee on Banking and Currency was told by Peter Henle, acting secretary of the AFL's Housing Committee.

"We are convinced," he declared "that an effective and workable rent control program must be continued until the acute shortage of housing and particularly of rental housing, has been met."

Mr. Henle, who is also the AFL's assistant economist, lashed out during the past 18 months. This has been responsible "in large measure" for the sharp in-

crease in rents which has taken place, he said.

Mr. Henle presented the recommendations of the American Federation of Labor for pending rent control legislation. The AFL advocates an extension of rent control "for a two-year period or until such time as the President or Congress shall determine that it is no longer necessary." The federation also proposes that the rent control administrator should be given power to sue for treble damages and to seek criminal prosecution of "repeated and willful" violators.

Other AFL recommendations include:

1. Regulation of evictions by the administrator.
2. Change in the status of lo-

cal advisory boards and establishment of a National Advisory Committee.

3. Discontinuance of the "voluntary" 15 per cent rent increase leases.

4. Recontrol or extension of controls to those geographic areas and classes of rental accommodations whose exemption has seriously weakened adequate rent controls.

5. Inclusion of the District of Columbia under the federal law.

Mr. Henle said the AFL is "particularly concerned" that rent controls should not be utilized as an excuse for holding down the wages of building service employees "a group who are among the lowest paid in our economy."

1870 LABOR AGREEMENT — BUCKET OF WATER AND SCUTTLE OF COAL DAILY

Atlanta, Ga. — J. L. Rhodes, Southern Director of Organization, American Federation of Labor, announces receipt of excerpts from an early edition of a Western Labor Agreement, dated January 1, 1870. "Those working rules are unique, due to the fact that they go much further into the personal affairs of the union members than the present day working rules apply."

The P. W. Madson Furniture Company, Salt Lake City, Utah, posted the following instructions to its employees:

"Store will open at 7:00 A. M. and close at 8: P. M., except on Saturday when it closes at 9:00 P. M. This store will remain closed each Sabbath.

"Duties of Employees:
"Sweep floors, dust furniture, shelves and show cases, remember 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness.' Trim wicks, fill lamps, clean chimneys. Make your pens carefully, (but you may whittle the quills to suit your individual taste). Open windows for fresh air. Each clerk shall bring in a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's business.

"Any employe who smokes Spanish cigars, uses liquor in

any form, gets shaved at the barber, or frequents pool halls or public halls, will give his employer every reason to suspect his integrity, worthy intentions an dall round honesty.

"Each employe is expected to pay his tithing to the church, that is, ten per cent of his annual income. No matter what your income might be you shall contribute no less than twenty-five dollars per year to the Church. Each employe will attend Sunday Sacrament meeting, and adequate time will be given

to attend Fast meeting on Thursday. Also you are expected to attend your Sunday School.

"Men employes will be given evenings off each week for court- ing purposes or two evenings each week if they go regularly to Church and attend Church duties. After any employe has spent thirteen hours of labor in the store, he should then spend his leisure time in reading good books, and contemplating the Glories and Building up of the Kingdom of God."



HEADS UP! DON'T BE STRUCK DOWN!
More than 20,000 pedestrians are injured or killed every month by motor vehicles. When walking, watch for drivers. When driving, watch for walkers. A careless walker soon rides—in an ambulance or a hearse. Don't you be the one!
Be Careful—the life you save may be your own!

* Date not definitely set.



DON'T LET DEATH TAKE YOUR HOLIDAY!
DRINKING DRIVERS figure in one out of every 5 fatal traffic accidents. If you don't want that holly wreath to become a funeral wreath, don't mix liquor with gasoline. Have a merrier Christmas and live to see the new year.
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JOBLESS PAYMENTS DOUBLE 1947 IN NEW YORK STATE

New York City.—In January of this year State unemployment insurance payments to jobless workers were nearly twice as high as they were in January of last year, according to a report from the statistics made public by the division of placement and unemployment insurance of the State Department of Labor.

The report showed that insurance benefits in January of this year totaled \$25,543,685, compared with \$13,616,913 in the same month of 1948. The reserve in the unemployment insurance trust fund stood at \$1,033,558,421 last month, as against \$1,056,740,651 a year earlier.

Officials said the increased volume of unemployment represents no threat to the stability of the fund, but that it might result in a sharp drop in merit-rating refunds to employers. These refunds will total \$127,000,000 on the basis of the 1948 unemployment record.

Veterans' readjustment allowances under the G-I bill of rights dropped last month, as against the 1948 figure. Last month \$4,159,734 in veterans' allowances was distributed, compared with \$5,484,915 in January of last year.

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CALLS FOR MINIMUM WAGE

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union powers of Europe. The resolution congratulated the governments of Canada and U. S., for backing up words with deeds in giving assurance to our Democratic Allies that aggression by the Soviet imperialists against any one of them would be an invitation to the common military action of all Democratic countries in the North Atlantic. The resolution denounced the Soviet government as the source of war threats and the major threat to peace in the world today.

Among other actions made public by the UTW Council was a resolution demanding the amendment of the wage and hour law to boost the minimum wage to \$1.00 per hour, in conformity with the realities of the present price and cost of living spirals.

The UTWA-AFL executive board sessions were concluded after the south-wide conference which brought over 200 representatives into Atlanta from 12 Southern States representing over 40,000 Southern UTWA-AFL members.

HUGH SEDGWICK NAMED
Hamilton, Ont.—Hugh J. Sedgwick of the Hamilton Trades and Labor Council was re-elected secretary of the Ontario Provincial Federation of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress. He was the fraternal delegate from Canada at the last American Federation of Labor convention.

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