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N.C. F.P.O.C. ANNUAL CONVENTION A SUCCESS

Meany Predicts Greater Role For Labor In Political Battles Against Reaction

NEW YORK.—George Meany, secretary-treasurer of the American Federation of Labor, predicted that organized labor will go as far down the road of political action "as time and events prove necessary to carry out our basic purpose of raising, maintaining and protecting the standards of life of the workers of this nation."

Mr. Meany reviewed the participation of the AFL in political affairs in an address before the 5th annual dinner meeting of the Liberal party of New York state here. He was one of several speakers including Senator Paul H. Douglas of Illinois; Adolf A. Berle, state chairman of the party, and Louis Fischer, author and political analyst.

Mr. Meany declared that the real awakening as to the need for political action by labor came after the enactment of the Taft-Hartley law in 1947, which demonstrated clearly that "there could be no future progress made by labor unless it became an active and dynamic political force."

He added: "For the first time, I venture to say, in the history of the American Federation the entire membership approached the question of politics realistically. The result, as you well know, was the action of the 1947 convention of the American Federation of Labor creating a permanent political arm for the AFL through the establishment of Labor's League for Political Education—which provided a basis for direct political action by the American Federation of Labor, all its constituent unions, as well as its individual members and also provided for comprehensive participation in this political work by all liberal and progressive groups who believe in the principles and ideals of the trade union movement."

"Starting along about the first of April in 1948, Labor's League for Political Education achieved a certain success in the campaign that followed—in fact, some of our people thought that we had won a complete victory over the reactionary forces that had dominated the 80th Congress. Some even thought that the results of the attitude of the Hallecks and the Martins and the others in Congress who represent the philosophy and the interest of the National Association of Manufacturers."

"However, what has happened to date in the 81st Congress indicates quite clearly that while labor won a battle in 1948—it has by no means won the war."

"Despite the fact that the issues in which labor was interested—including repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act—were presented clearly and definitely to the American people in the 1948 campaign, and despite the fact that the American people gave a clear mandate to the Congress on these issues by its vote in 1948, there is still more than 50 per cent of the House of Representatives who refuse to recognize this mandate. This is indicated by the roll call vote taken in the House a few weeks ago on the Wood bill."

Mr. Meany quoted from a statement released by the AFL Executive Council which said that the actual political situation in the 81st Congress is a "tug of war between reactionary forces from both parties on one side and liberals from both parties on the other."

The AFL leader charged that the programs of the Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers which demand every legislative advantage they can obtain from the reactionaries, represents a challenge that labor "cannot sidestep or ignore." He said:

"We will not stay at dead center. We either move in the direction indicated by the program of the Chamber of Commerce or

we move forward toward a better day for America's little people under the program of labor. To move in the direction of human values we cannot depend on the Tafts, the Hallecks or the Martins in Congress. Nor can we expect any aid from those on the Democratic side of the aisle who determine human values by the color of a person's skin. To meet this challenge and to protect the progress and achievements that have come after years of struggle, labor must move in the direction of intelligent and energetic political action.

"I am firmly convinced that labor can produce men who will be effective in the political arena. What has happened here in New York City in recent years definitely indicates that men and women who spent their early days in the shops and factories are by no means lacking in political sagacity. Labor has many advantages in politics which I need not point out to this audience. Labor has the will and surely it has the incentive. The stakes are high.

"We are living today in a world where millions of people are literally hungry for freedom and democracy. These millions look to the United States of America with faith and hope. To whatever extent America fulfills its destiny as the citadel of human progress depends in great measure on the success of labor in the field of progressive political action during the next few years.

"Let me again assure you that the American Federation of Labor is going to play its full part in this fight. As to the outcome, I, for one, have no misgivings."

DR. BUNCHE DECLINES OFFER OF APPOINTMENT AS ST. SEC. OF STATE

WASHINGTON — Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Negro acting U. N. mediator for Palestine, today declined an offer from President Truman of appointment as an assistant Secretary of State.

Bunche told reporters on leaving the White House after a talk with Mr. Truman that he had turned down the offer.

He said he wanted to continue his work with the United Nations, and also was concerned about the high cost of living in Washington and the salary cut that taking the post would mean.

Polio Precautions



Children should be cautioned by parents to avoid swimming in polluted waters, particularly in areas affected by polio epidemics. Children should use only beaches or public pools declared safe by local health authorities.

THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Stars Respect Picket Line

Because of rain and wet grounds, the widely heralded "triple-header" event at Wrigley Field on Saturday, July 9, was not much of a success. The Sunday-Times estimated that 10,000 turned out to watch Hollywood play ball in a 45,000-capacity park.

Proceeds of the "triple-header" were to be shared by City of Hope Hospital, the Motion Picture Relief Fund, and the Herald-American Benefit Fund, according to promotion material put out by the Herald-American, which listed the beneficiaries in that order.

As any one knows who is familiar with Hearst-paper tactics, Herald-American actually intended to make itself No. 1 on the list. This was to be another "stunt" to rebuild Herald-American circulation.

When President Pilch advised the AFL Screen Actors Guild that the names of Hollywood unionists were being used as circulation bait by a strike-bound newspaper, which is being picketed by union printers and is hiding behind a Taft-Hartley injunction, the actors' union responded at once with a pledge that none of its members would cross the picket line.

It is an old Herald-American custom to inveigle big-name personalities into its plant and photograph them while there. On past performances, it was easy to figure that the Hearst paper would arrange for several of the visiting stars to pose in the struck plant, with at least one of the female celebrities sitting down to a Vari-Typer.

The co-operation of the Screen Actors Guild and the presence of No. 16's pickets put a crimp in such plans.

President Pilch was informed by wire that the Screen Actors Guild had "contacted Motion Picture Relief Fund and City of Hope Hospital, and they like us are shocked and terribly sorry that this situation has arisen. Neither Screen Actors Guild nor Motion Picture Relief Fund nor City of Hope were informed or aware that advance exploitation man at Chicago had made tieup with newspaper picketed by AFL union. Had we been informed in time, we certainly would have used our best efforts to have other arrangements made."

President Pilch has made it clear that Chicago's striking printers have no desire to injure City of Hope or the Motion Picture Relief Fund, both of which are worthy causes. For that reason, plans to picket Wrigley Field were dismissed. No matter how disgusted we are with Herald-American promotion schemes, we wish the best to the hospital and the MPRF.

Pickets at the Herald-American and other struck newspapers are raising a fund to send the actors' guild for disbursement to City of Hope and the Motion Picture Relief Fund.

HOME MORTGAGE DEBT CLIMBS NEAR \$34 BILLION MARK

WASHINGTON — The home mortgage debt of the United States climbed to \$33,355,000,000, an all-time record high in 1948, the Home Loan bank announced today. This was \$4,785,000,000, or 17 per cent higher than the 1947 level.

According to the board, these figures were obtained by a survey of one-to-four family nonfarm dwellings. The 1948 figure also compares with \$19,208,000,000 in 1945, the last wartime year.

New Officers Of State P. O. Clerks



First row, left to right: Chester L. Stephenson, Fayetteville, first vice president; A. J. Garner, III, Asheville, president; Jere C. Gay, Raleigh, State legislative representative. Back row, left to right: W. D. Farmer, Rocky Mount, sixth vice president; Jack D. Cliff, Raleigh, third vice president; Thomas B. Moore, Fort Bragg, editor Tar Heel Fed; Wilson A. Forbes, Gastonia, second vice president; B. E. Singleton, Asheville, fifth vice president; S. F. Blackwelder, Charlotte, secretary-treasurer; Stanley G. Curtis, Raleigh, fourth vice president; and Frank Overman, Burlington, national State representative, were not present when this photo was taken.

New Auxiliary Officers P. O. Clerks



Seated—Left to right: Mrs. J. B. Snyder, secretary-treasurer, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Jack Garner, III, president, Asheville; Mrs. Samuel R. Kenley, editor of The Tattler, Asheville. Standing, left to right: Mrs. F. E. Stanley, vice president, Wilmington; Mrs. J. B. Houser, Jr., vice president, Gastonia; Mrs. Hal Stafford, vice president, Greensboro; Mrs. J. B. Howell, vice president, Shelby, N. C., and Mrs. W. C. Evans, Raleigh, vice president. Mrs. Kenneth L. Adams, vice president of Fayetteville, was not present when this photo was taken.



A. J. GARNER, III, President N. C. F. P. O. C. Asheville, N. C.



MRS. A. J. GARNER, III, President of Woman's Auxiliary

Jack Garner And Wife Are New Heads Federation Of P. O. Clerks And Ladies Auxiliary

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Garner of Asheville will head the North Carolina Federation of Post Office Clerks and Auxiliary for the coming year. Both of these distinguished Federationists won decisive victories in the elections of officers at the state convention of the N.C.F.P.O.C. and Auxiliary in Asheville on June 11.

For Garner the state presidency tops a distinctive career in Federation work. On January 18, 1946, he was elected Secretary of

Local 277. He was also a delegate to the state convention of that year and represented the substitute employees of the Asheville office at a later meeting in Washington. He was re-elected Local Secretary the following year and was again a delegate to the state convention in 1947. At this convention he was elected a vice president of the state organization. He represented Local 277 at the Miami National Convention in August of 1948 and

again served his Local as Entertainment Chairman for the 1949 State Convention.

Mrs. Garner has served as Secretary of Local 277 Auxiliary and has for several years been a Vice President of the State Federation Auxiliary.

Other Federation officers are Chester L. Stephenson, Fayetteville, First Vice President; Wilson A. Forbes, Gastonia, Second Vice President; Jack B. Cliff, Durham, Third Vice President; Stanley G. Curtis, Raleigh, Fourth Vice President; B. E. Singleton, Asheville, Fifth Vice President; W. B. Farmer, Rocky Mount, Sixth Vice President; Thomas B. Moore, Fayetteville, Editor, Tar Heel Fed; Jere C. Gay, Raleigh, Legislative Representative and S. F. Blackwelder, Charlotte, Secretary-Treasurer.

Auxiliary Officers are: Mrs. K. L. Adams, Fayetteville, First Vice President; Mrs. F. E. Stanley, Wilmington, Second Vice President; Mrs. Hal Stafford, Greensboro, Third Vice President; Mrs. W. C. Evans, Raleigh, Fourth Vice President; Mrs. J. B. Houser, Jr., Gastonia, Fifth Vice President; Mrs. J. B. Howell, Shelby, Sixth Vice President; Mrs. S. R. Kerley, Asheville, Editor, the Tattler, Auxiliary publication; and Mrs. J. B. Snyder of Winston-Salem, Secretary-Treasurer.—Tar Heel Fed.

300 DELEGATES FROM 27 LOCALS POUR INTO THE VANDERBILT

Take 300 delegates, a dash of conviviality, a convention minded hostelry and put them together in the scenic setting of a mountain-top retreat. These are the ingredients of the happy pleasures experienced by delegates and visitors who attended the twenty-ninth annual convention of the North Carolina Federation of Post Office Clerks and Auxiliary in Asheville on June 10-11.

Although the convention officially began on Friday, The George Vanderbilt Hotel which served as convention headquarters, was being rapidly filled by Federationists as early as Thursday afternoon. By plane, train, bus and automobile they poured into Asheville from all sections of Carolina.

And on hand to greet them was genial Broadus E. Singleton, host Local 277 Chairman of Arrangements.

On Friday registration of delegates and visitors was carried on continuously from 8:30 in the morning until 5:00 in the afternoon. The initial business sessions of Clerks and Auxiliary convened at 9 A. M. and continued until lunch at noon. An official luncheon for state officers and committee chairmen was held by the host Local arrangements committee.

Business sessions convened again at 1:30 P. M. and adjourned promptly at 4 P. M. to permit attendance at an open forum meeting where John M. Torke, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, N.F.P.O.C. led the discussion.

Torke was assisted by Oscar L. Whitesell, Vice-President, N.F.P.O.C. and Henry C. Wyman of the Post Office Department.

Members of the Auxiliary were entertained at a Fashion Show and tea in the late afternoon.

An old-fashioned picnic, swimming and dancing party was held during the evening at the Royal Pines recreation park, a rural retreat near Asheville.

Business sessions again claimed the attention of visitors and delegates throughout Saturday morning. During the afternoon the elections of officers for clerks and auxiliary were accomplished.

During the early hours of the evening the official convention banquet was held in the Vanderbilt's main Ballroom. Dr. Walter T. McFall, Asheville dentist, was master-of-ceremonies for the occasion and entertained the gathering with many humorous anecdotes. Appearing on the program were John M. Torke, Washington; Oscar L. Whitesell, Greensboro; Franklin Overman, National State Representative, Burlington; Mrs. George Williams, Vice President, N.F.P.O.C. Auxiliary, Raleigh; and Broadus E. Singleton, who introduced state and Local Federation and Auxiliary officials.

Eva Boatwright and orchestra provided music for dancing which followed the banquet and concluded the festivities of the evening.—Tar Heel Fed.

NOTICE

The reason this issue of The Journal is late is due to an extensive job of remodeling which has been going on in our plant since the first of May which put our facilities out of order until it was completed.

The back wall on our building was ready to topple over and the landlord was compelled to rebuild the wall at once. The need was so urgent that only little notice could be given us. While this work was underway we asked the landlord to make other improvements and from now on we will have The Journal to you on time each week.

For this delay we are deeply apologetic and thank our subscribers and advertisers for their patience. All back issues of The Journal will be coming to you in short order.

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