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PRINTERS PLEDGE NEW FIGHT AGAINST TAFT-HARTLEY LAW; CONCLUDE 91ST CONVENTION

The AFL's International Typographical Union reaffirmed its strong stand in opposition to the Taft-Hartley law and voted to continue its boycott of the National Labor Relations Board.

This action was taken at the 91st annual convention of the union which concluded its sessions here.

The printers again refused to order its officers to sign the non-Communist affidavits required to place the union under NLRB procedure.

The union also:

1. Rejected a resolution by members of the San Francisco local which has been under fire for signing a memorandum agreement short of ITU contract standards. The motion would have instructed ITU officers to stop using union publications for "unwarranted articles" against opponents within the union.
2. Submitted to union referendum an increase in the salaries of the president and secretary-treasurer from \$10,000 to \$12,000 a year; vice president from \$7,500 to \$9,500.
3. Rejected a one-union proposal for the whole printing industry.
4. Directed more co-operation with allied printing crafts.
5. Refused to solicit other unions for strike funds.
6. Voted to intensify ITU activity in Canada.

President Woodruff Randolph told the convention he opposed the move to force officers to sign non-Communist affidavits because it would place the union under NLRB regulation.

"We don't want to use these procedures. We have not from the beginning and we do not now," he said.

The union has been adamant in its fight against the Taft-Hartley Act under which the NLRB now operates. It has refused to sign contracts which do not give it full union benefits. Pending before the NLRB now are 10 complaints charging the union with unfair labor practices growing out of this stand. The union has been enjoined in Indianapolis Federal District Court from violating the Taft-Hartley Act.

OHIO AFL GROUP PLANS WAR ON TAFT

The Ohio State Federation of Labor opened its annual convention with a note of determination to whip Senator Robert A. Taft in the 1950 elections.

Michael J. Lyden, president, in his keynote, address, pointed to a 10-foot banner in the convention hall, which read:

"Register Now—Beat Taft in 1950."
"We are going to appeal to the liberal-minded citizens of Ohio to retire a man who is seeking to destroy the basic structure of the organized labor movement," Lyden said. "The eyes of the nation are upon us."

Phil Hannah, secretary-treasurer of the federation, said the group would seek a coalition of labor and farmers in its efforts to unseat Senator Taft.

"We will ask to go into all of the granges and farm bureaus in the state to carry labor's message and seek farm support," he said.

Federation leaders said they were striving for registration of all the 500,000 members of Ohio.

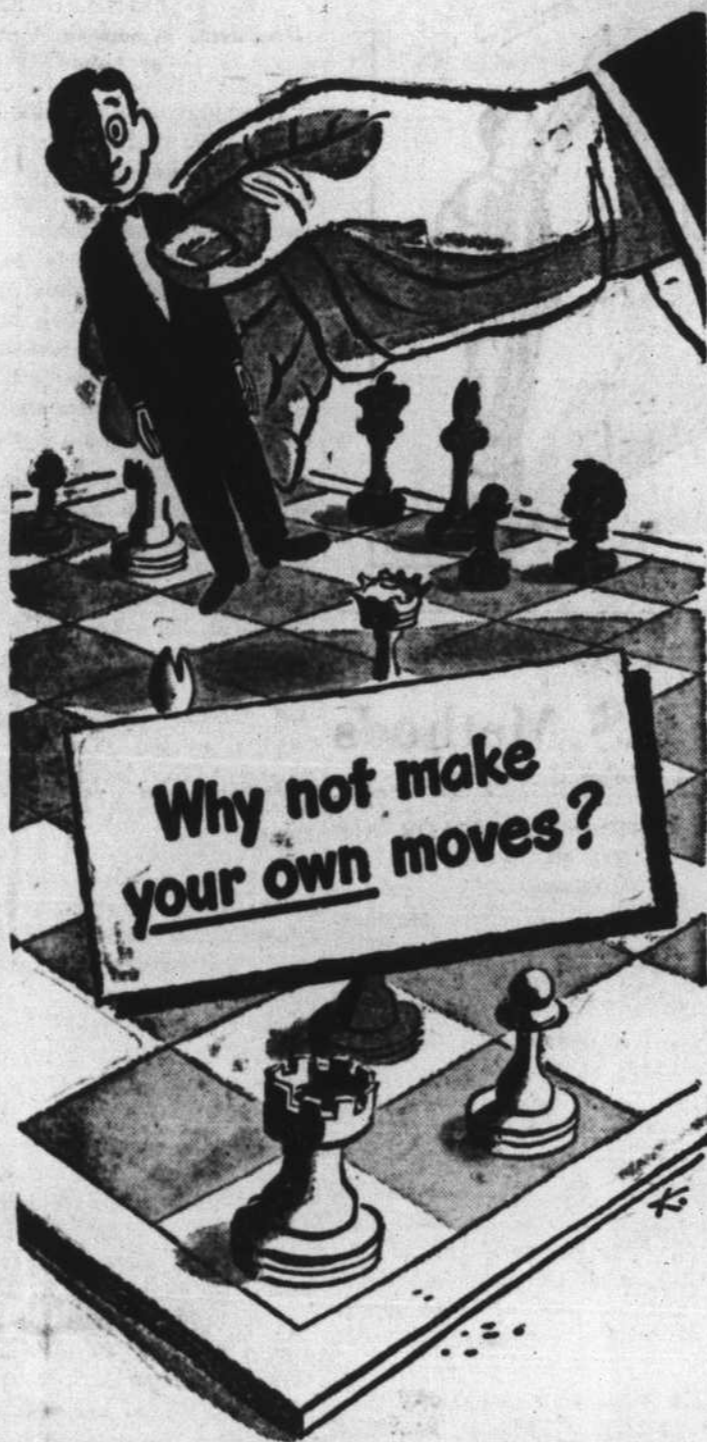
LOUISVILLE FIRST CITY TO SIGN FOR UNION SHOW

Director I. M. Ornburn, of the Union Industries Show, announced that the City of Louisville, Kentucky, was the first exhibitor to sign a contract for display space for the next labor-management exhibition to be held during May, 1950, in Philadelphia. Louisville participated in the exhibition held last May in Cleveland and Mayor Charles Farnsley indicated at that time that he was so enthusiastic over the American Federation of Labor's annual event that he wanted Louisville to be the first city to sign up for the next show.

"A majority of the exhibitors who participated in the 1949 Union Industries Show will make reservations for display space in the 1950 exhibition to be held in Convention Hall in Philadelphia," said Mr. Ornburn, "and with this wonderful response from our friends and also the excellent prospects for new exhibitors, the success of the 1950 Show is guaranteed."



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