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pressed by a vigorous fifth column operating in all free countries under various names, colors and covers," it said. "Here are the hidden thieves of our national security and welfare."

For Strengthening Europe

The convention approved the progress of the Marshall Plan for aid to Europe and measures taken by the recent tripartite conference in Washington to strengthen Britain's economic position.

"We hope," the AFL said, "that no effort will be spared to unite the ranks, pool the strength, and weld the economies of Europe on a continental scale in the interest of vanquishing poverty, totalitarian tyranny and the danger of war."

The AFL declared (1) against further reparations and dismantling of productive enterprises in Germany by any of the allied powers; (2) against any interference by this government in the domestic affairs of the countries receiving aid under the European Recovery Plan; (4) for a policy by the Economic Cooperation Administration to encourage a policy of improving living standards in proportion to the progress of the Marshall Plan; (5) the highest praise for recognition by Ambassador-at-large Averell Harriman and Economic Administrator Paul Hoffman of the principle of labor representation in formulating and executing the European recovery program.

Opposing Anti-Labor Regimes

The AFL noted the headway made by the Inter-American Confederation of Workers in rallying and organizing workers south of the Rio Grande for improved standards of life and the protection and promotion of human rights. It called particularly satisfying the decisive defeat of the communists under Lombardo Toledano.

"There remains," the AFL said, "the serious task of defeating the mounting wave of anti-labor and anti-democratic forces under the totalitarian banner of Peron in Argentina and the dictatorships in Peru and Venezuela. These reactionaries of the right have in recent months been guilty of ruthlessly violating the basic democratic rights and liberties of labor. Our government would be well advised to show NO friendship for or make any concessions to these bearers of totalitarian dogmas and despotism among our good neighbors in the south."

The government was urged to discourage and disapprove profiteering practices in Latin America by greedy corporate American interests.

Aid in Far East Urged

The AFL urged the United States to proclaim a policy of cooperation with all democratic groups in Asia. It noted that Communist Russia is ruthlessly exploiting the noble desires of the masses of Asia for

national freedom and human dignity.

"Just as we called a halt to the Nipponese imperialist drive to turn back the clock of progress in Asia so must we now do everything in our power to prevent the Russian expansionists from imposing Soviet imperialism on the awakened spirits and suffering bodies of the peoples of Asia," the AFL said.

United States Action Proposed

The AFL proposed an immediate long range program of affirmative action by the United States for China and the whole Far East. It urged:

1. Keep imperialist hands off the awakened peoples of Asia, and through the United Nations and our own initiative foster development of completely free, independent and democratic republics throughout Asia.

2. Support the Asian Relations Conference recently called by democratic India and Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru as a positive step toward unifying the free nations of Asia.

3. Give prompt and vigorous support to a regional pact under Article 51 of the United Nations Charter composed of freedom-loving lands of the Pacific and Far East.

4. Refuse diplomatic recognition or to enter into commercial relations with the Communist quisling clique because of usurpation of the governmental authority over large areas of China.

5. Invite a Chinese mission headed by Acting President Li Tsung-jen to the United States to work out plans immediately for effective aid to strengthen economically and militarily the democratic and labor forces of China.

6. Give all-out support to the Chinese delegation in the United Nations to have the UN investigate and pass judgment on Russia's role in fostering and financing the civil war in China, flagrantly violating its solemn treaty obligations to China, and deliberately endangering world peace.

7. Appoint a special commission with adequate labor representation to prepare in cooperation with democratic Asian authorities the application of President Truman's "point 4" in the underdeveloped areas of Asia.

Speed Up "Point Four"

The AFL supported President Truman's "point 4" program "to help the free peoples of the world, through their own efforts, to produce more food, more clothing more materials for housing, and more mechanical power to lighten their burdens." It called for swift implementation of this policy.

The AFL proposed the following "guiding lines" for the United States for implementing and applying "the great ideals and creative policy underlying President Truman's historic 'point 4':"

1. Demonstrate to the peoples

of the underprivileged regions that our interest is free from any desire to exploit or oppress them or to seek any special privileges.

2. Have recipient as well as assisting nations cooperate in formulating plans and contributing towards development of suitable projects which will provide commodities and services most needed abroad without displacing or disturbing the resources of the other nation.

3. Avoid interference in each other's domestic affairs or political life and no infringement of respective sovereignty.

4. Draw in more than one country in undertaking these developments wherever possible but under no circumstances must the exercise of the veto power be permitted to paralyze or thwart operations.

5. Accompany the technical aid with measures for advancing the health, sanitary conditions, education and technical knowledge so that native working population can learn the art of developing free trade unions, farmer and consumer organizations as well as industrial and distributive efficiency.

6. Advance a healthy social foundation and structure where no racial discrimination or forced labor are tolerated.

7. Place the dominant control and principal ownership of important projects in the hands of the country aided so as to avoid the evils of absentee ownership.

8. Join with other governments in working out an international code to reduce to a minimum the present risks and difficulties

Labor Press Pledges Effort To Elect Friendly Congress

St. Paul.—Editors of AFL papers threw their full efforts behind the election of a friendly Congress in 1950.

Frank B. Powers, editor of the Commercial Telegraphers Journal, promised the 68th annual AFL convention that the labor press "shall endeavor to fulfill" its duty to back the all-out struggle in 1950 by the labor movement to secure the election of a friendly Congress.

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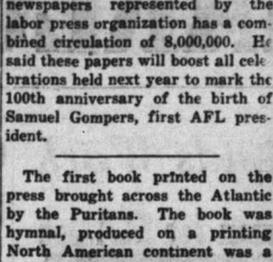
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