Economic Power Held A Vic Vet says **Basis** For Labor Progress

St. Paul .- The menace of a totalitarian Communist party and the trend toward regimentation of the lives of individuals were singled out as the chief threats to the principles of the American Federation of Labor in the Executive Council's report to the 68th AFL convention meeting here.

The council called for a resurgence of "devotion and dedication to the cause of labor that characterized the work of the pioneers who founded our movement" as the best defense against these twin evils.

Urging greater self-reliance that the basis for all labor progress "rests on organized, disciplined economic power." The council said:

Sometimes in our eagerness for lation has been enacted which results we forget that some achievements can only grow out of our own initiative and resourcefulness in using our economic power. The larger the believe it would be wise to connumber in our labor movement as sider the effects of this legislation will as in the nation that remain upon trade unions and their re- for repeal of the Taft-Hartley



hot summer months, a health rule for children is to ever-fatigue caused by too play or exercise, or irregular. This rule is particularly im-it in pollo epidemic areas.



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and initiative, the report declared self-directing and responsible, the more dynamic and constructive we become.

> "During the past two years a considerable body of labor legiswas intended to underwrite and

> supplement economic organization and collective bargaining. We

sponsibilities and functions, as a basis for future policy.

"We should evaluate our experience to distinguish between the type of problems which lend themselves to legislative action and those problems for which said President John P. Frey. "It AUTO REPAIRSeconomic action is best.

"We should review our various objections to determine whether they are outdated or unwise. Our guide in this study should be the

character and progress." In the introduction to its dethe situation as follows:

"Nationally as well as internationally the past year has been

major struggle has been to re- vent its repeal.

"Although the party whose shipyards.

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Metal Trades Dept. Votes **Vigorous T-H Repeal Drive**

St. Paul.-An all-out campaign Act was enthusiastically voted by the delegates at the annual con-

vention of the AFL Metal Trades pendent union against the AFL's Department just concluded here. Teamster Union. "This buzzsaw has just begun to cut into the flesh of labor,"

will dig much deeper and hurt a great deal more unless it is repealed soon."

Whole-hearted support from the Truman Administration in the reeffect of the method or objective peal fight was pledged by Asand its administration on human sistant Secretary of Labor Ralph Wright. He told the delegates:

"President Truman and Secretailed report on legislative and tary of Labor Tobin are resoluteeconomic affairs at home and ly determined to continue to work abroad, the council summed up for Taft-Hartley repeal until that law is erased from the statute books."

Wright charged that enemies one of important struggles for of labor have spent \$100,000,000 standards without immediate de- on propaganda first to enact the cisive gains. At home, labor's Taft-Hartley law and then to pre-

peal the Taft-Hartley Act with The convention went on record its un-American discrimination in favor of a long-range shipagainst wage earners as a group building program to strengthen of citizens and its restrictions national defenses. It demanded upon their right of free contract that a fair share of the governto promote their economic wel- ment's existing construction contracts be alloted to West Coast

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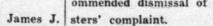
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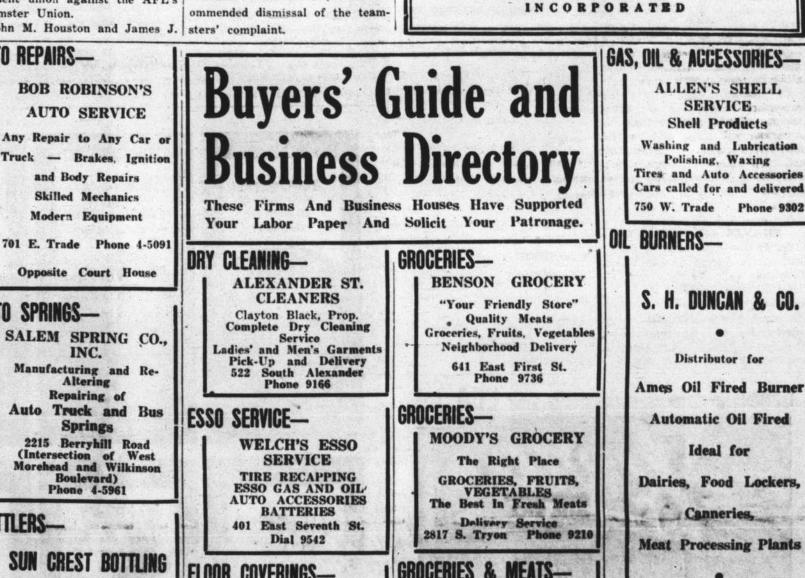
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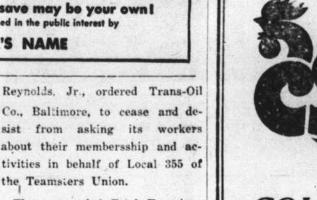
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