

Are you listening to Frank Edwards?

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1950, by Arnold Beichman, New York correspondent, which began "one of the most meaningful docu-ments to come out of the United

## Nations since its inception has just PEPPER LOSS HURTS T-H LAW REPEAL; MEANS HARDER WORK

Organized labor is one vote farther away from repeal of the Taft-Hartley law than ever as result of the defeat of Senator Claude Pepper in the Florida primary election on May 2.

Senator Pepper, veteran New Dealer and anti-Taft-Hartlevite, was defeated by Rep. George A. Smathers, who accepted the support and financial backing of a Dixiecrat Republican coalition that wants the Taft-Hartley law retained.

Mr. Smathers' victory was achieved despite a grand job of getting voters registered and out to the polls by a united labor front.

The causes for defeat were a combination of circumstances traced to Mr. Smathers' "hate-the-negro" campaign, his communist charges against Senator Pepper, backing from the American Medical Association, and the inability of labor in the time available to educate the non-industrial areas of rural Florida on the issues involved.

Senator Pepper's defeat means that labor must redouble its efforts not only to get voters registered and out to the polls but to see that non-labor voters understand the issues and are convinced of the soundness of labor's position.

There is no reason to underestimate the magnitude of Senator Pepper's defeat. In 1948, organized labor did not lose a single favorable vote and picked up a number in the Senate. The 1950 job was to hold all the favorable seats and gain at least five more to assure Taft-Hartley repeal in that chamber.

The job is tougher now and calls for even harder work in the political field.

The peoples' causes for which organized labor stands were helped by the renomination of Senator Lister Hill in Alabama in the May 2 primaries.

There were no net changes in the House delegations from Florida, Alabama, Ohio and Indiana.

In Ohio, Democrats picked State Auditor Joseph T. Ferguson to oppose Senator Robert A. Taft, co-author of the Taft-Hartley law. Mr. Ferguson is certain to receive labor support in November.

Aside from Senator Hill's victory, liberal-labor forces won a tremendously important decision in Alabama where regular Democrats won control of the state party machinery and nominated their gubernatorial candidate over the States' Righters-Dixiecrats.

This victory was achieved in the state which led the narch out of the Democratic convention in 1948 and struck at the heart of the Movement which has retarded passage of liberal legislaion in Congress.

## LABOR WON'T QUIT POLITICAL FIGHT

AFL President William Green told the AFL United Hatters convention that "labor will not be counted out or knocked out in this campaign" to elect a liberal Congress in 1950.

"We are in this political fight to the finish," Mr. Green aid. "And we don't know the meaning of the word 'defeat.' We are determined as never before to organize, to work and to fight until this crucial battle of the ballots is won.

"Labor's program for increasing mass purchasing power, for widening and improving social seccurity and for raising the living standards of all Amreican citizens is at stake in the congressional election of November 7.

"In fighting for a progressive legislative program and in.

been published." Beichman's story was widely used by AFL newspapers serving 8,000,000 Americans. The report, Mr. Childs, has not

been ignored. But too little is being done to make it work against a world depression which already has a toehold in mounting unemployment around the globe.

GAIN 5-CENT RAISE.

Cohoes, N. Y .- A strike threatened by more than 275 AFL United Textile Workers at four mills here and in Green Island has been averted as a result of union acceptance of a 5-cent hourly pay increase. Stephen C. Davis, state mediator, said that Local 446 voted 289 to 87 to accept the offer. The union had sought a 10-cent increase and had

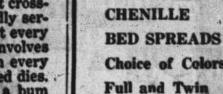
authorized a strike when its contract expired. The increase will lift the hourly rate to \$1.13 1-2.

The AFL supports the American Heart Association drive.

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