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CLUs MUST ACT NOW TO RETAIN RENT LID

Labor Needs Money to Halt Business Attack on Liberals

WASHINGTON. — Labor's League for Political Education needs \$2 from every AFL member in the next 60 days if the country is to elect in November a Congress responsive to the peoples' needs.

Business interests have spent a fortune in a merciless attack to defeat liberals in primary elections.

Partly for a lack of sufficient funds, Sen. Claude Pepper was defeated in Florida. And Senator Pepper was one of labor's staunchest friends.

For a lack of sufficient funds, Sen. Frank P. Graham, another of the Fair Deal's strongest supporters, failed to win a clear majority in his state's primary and faces a run-off election on June 24 against a reactionary foe.

In desperate need of funds to advertise their records and their progressive views or Sens. Olin D. Johnston of South Carolina, Charles W. Tobey of New Hampshire, Francis J. Myers of Pennsylvania, and others running for re-election, and Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas seeking the senatorial nomination in California.

These friends of labor need funds now to hold billboard space and radio time when the campaign gets hot. If those contracts aren't signed now, the space and time go to their opponents who are vastly better heeled than organized labor and other liberals.

So get that \$2 on the line at the next union meeting.

The AFL Executive Council and administrative committee of Labor's League authorized an intensive campaign in June and July to raise \$2 a member to help labor's friends get elected in November. The Taft-Hartley law prohibits the use of union funds for this purpose.

The league revealed, in letters to international unions, state federations and central labor unions, that contributions have lagged "far below the minimum" necessary to do the 1950 educational and political job.

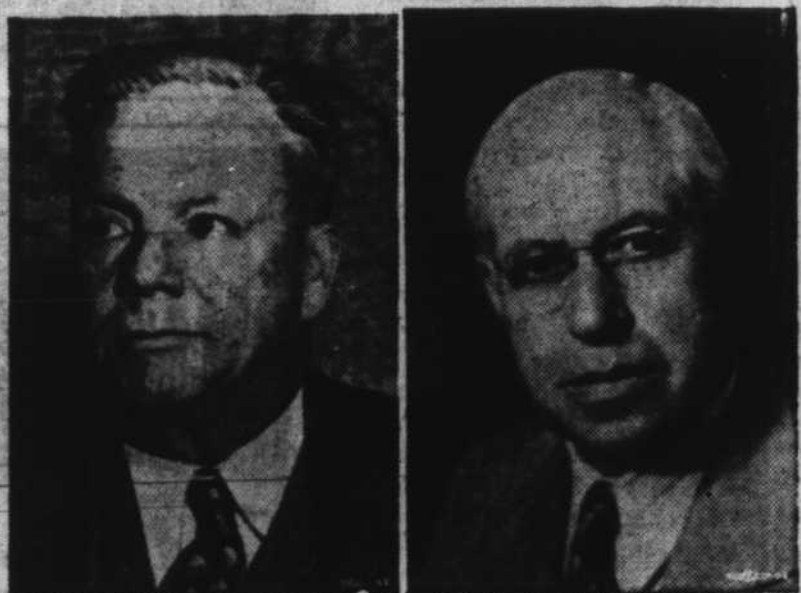
Although every member is asked for a \$2 voluntary contribution, the league budgeted its year's job on the basis of getting only \$1,500,000.

PRESSMEN IN NEW OFFICE

Atlanta, Ga.—The International Printing Pressmen's and Assistants' Union of North America has changed its Atlanta address and is now located in 203 Connelly Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

Representative George O. Baker is in charge of the Southeastern District office.

Brownlow Succeeds Frey



Washington.—James A. Brownlow (left), secretary-treasurer of the AFL Metal Trades Department and long-time secretary of the Colorado State Federation of Labor, has been named to succeed President John P. Frey (right), of the Metal Trades Department, effective June 1, 1950, when Mr. Frey becomes president emeritus.

T-H = Slump



Chicago.—Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin (second from left) told Chicago's Labor League for Political Education that unless the Taft-Hartley act is repealed, it will lead to economic collapse. L. to r.: Earl C. Quinn, executive secretary-treasurer of Cook County LLPE; Secretary Tobin; Director Joseph D. Keenan of Labor's League for Political Education, and James M. Kennedy, vice-chairman of Cook County LLPE.

Truman Says Safety On Jobs Stops Waste

WASHINGTON. — President Truman says each worker doing his job safely is being thrifty.

"Every worker should understand clearly the loss of wages and the human suffering that result from injuries," he said in opening the second annual meeting of his Conference on Industrial Safety.

AFL President William Green headed a large delegation of AFL officials who joined with other leaders of organized labor, industry and government in the 3-day conference.

The conference set a goal to reduce on-the-job accidents by 50 per cent by the end of 1952. These mishaps were cut only 7 per cent since the 1949 meeting.

"That is good progress but is not good enough," Mr. Truman said.

"The number of work injuries suffered in the United States each year is inexcusable."

Mr. Truman urged concentration on smaller firms which have no organized safety programs and where 70 per cent of the accidents occur.

He said management must be persuaded to design safety into their plants, machinery and equipment and establish safety organizations.

Workers and their unions, Mr. Truman said, must co-operate fully in developing safety programs and observing safe work practices.

He said accidents waste our national strength which is needed in full vigor to preserve freedom and establish peace in the world threatened by Russian aggression and totalitarianism.

"A Great Show —!"



Philadelphia.—That caption line could be used by Comedian Bob Hope for the great AFL Union Industries Show or by AFL Vice-President Matthew Woll, show director, and AFL President William Green for Hope's great program broadcast from the show site in Convention Hall. Hope's appearance was sponsored in a magnificent display of management-labor cooperation by Lever Bros. and the AFL Chemical Workers.

AFL Unions Win Thousands From CIO As Wage And Welfare Gains Pile Up

WASHINGTON. — AFL unions won thousands of members away from CIO and former CIO unions in recent National Labor Relations Board elections.

The record of AFL unions in wage, welfare and pensions gains for their members, and in services rendered affiliates, is the force building AFL membership.

Among the striking victories recorded in May were:

1. The International Federation of Technical Engineers, Architects and Draftsmen's Unions won bargaining rights for 1,500 designers and draftsmen in five General Electric Co. plants, taking the units away from the CIO International Electrical Workers and United Electrical Workers, unaffiliated.
2. The International Brotherhood of Boilermakers won bargaining rights for more than 4,000 employees of New York Ship-

building Corp., Camden, N. J., taking them away from CIO Marine and Shipbuilding Workers. The Boilermakers previously had won 5,000 employees represented by this CIO union at the Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co., Chester, Pa.

3. The AFL United Auto Workers took the big General Electric Co. plant at Danville, Ill., away from the CIO International Electrical Workers and unaffiliated United Electrical Workers.

4. AFL unions continued to win the bulk of elections held by the National Labor Relations Board.

The victories gave impetus to the Samuel Gompers Memorial Organizing Drive to win 1,000,000 new members in 1950 in honor of the 100th anniversary of the birth of the founder and first president of the AFL.

To Make Picture Of Lurye's Life

New York.—The life of William Lurye, AFL International Ladies Garment Workers Union organizer stabbed to death a year ago, will be the subject of a motion picture. Production is expected to start in September by Norma Productions, independent Hollywood producing firm headed by producer Harold Hecht and screen star Burt Lancaster.

Mr. Lurye was stabbed to death in a phone booth in the heart of New York's busy garment district May 9, 1949. Benedetto Maeri and John Giusto, indicted for the murder, are still at large, despite a nation-wide police search and a \$25,000 reward posted by the union. The union has charged that the killers were in the hire of open-shop manufacturers who sought to get Mr. Lurye out of their way.

WASHINGTON.—AFL President William Green urged all Central Labor Unions to act immediately "if you want to prevent large and widespread increases in rents" after June 30.

Mr. Green said central unions and AFL membership in every community should write or wire their congressmen to vote for extension of rent controls for another year.

President Directs Migratory Study

WASHINGTON. — President Truman ordered a study of the problems of migratory labor as requested by the AFL and its affiliated National Farm Labor Union.

The commission was directed to make a broad study of conditions among migratory workers in the United States and of problems created by the migration of workers into this country. The following were named members:

Maurice T. Van Hecke, professor of law, University of North Carolina, chairman; the Right Rev. Robert E. Lucey, Roman Catholic archbishop of San Antonio, Tex.; Paul Miller, chief of the University of Minnesota extension service; William M. Leiserson, former chairman of the National Mediation Board, labor economist and arbitrator, and Peter H. Odegard, professor of political science at the University of California.

The executive order establishing the commission directed it to report by December 15.

The commission will study particularly the illegal immigration of "wet-backs" from Mexico into the Southwest and California.

The White House statement acknowledged that thousands of illegal entrants were deported each month by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, "but no means has yet been found for completely sealing the border against further illegal entries."

The National Farm Labor Union, headed by H. L. Mitchell, has been one of the leading opponents of the agreement with Mexico and said it had inspired the creation of the presidential commission.

He blamed the international agreement for permitting the importation of Mexican nationals and "starting the current invasion into the United States of hordes of poverty-stricken peons from south of the border." He added that other unions were affected by the influx of "wet-backs," who have "infiltrated into all occupations and have depressed the living standards of American workers in agriculture."

Mr. Mitchell said his union would submit a documented statement to the commission "substantiating its charge that the beneficiaries of the system of exploitation of both foreign and American workers are the huge factory-in-the-field type of farm enterprises in this country."

The issue is due to come to a vote in the House within the next two weeks. Mr. Green said in a letter to central bodies:

"Congress will very shortly be asked to decide an issue of direct concern to the welfare of all organized labor. It will be asked to decide whether or not federal rent control will be extended after the present law expires on June 30.

"Recent surveys by the Labor Department of rent increases in 14 communities show what would happen if rent controls were lifted.

"In these 14 communities from one-third to two-thirds of the tenants found their rents raised from 16 to 40 per cent after rent controls were removed. Presumably, these communities were decontrolled because there was no longer supposed to be any housing shortage.

"Obviously, for the many localities throughout the country where the housing shortage is still very acute, the end of federal rent controls would mean even greater increases in rents.

"This issue will be presented to the House of Representatives within the next two weeks. The House Banking and Currency Committee has reported out a bill (H. R. 8276) which does not completely conform to the recommendations of the American Federation of Labor but which nevertheless represents a workable basis for the continuance of rent controls where they are needed after June 30 of this year.

"If you want to prevent large and widespread increases in rents, I recommend that you write or wire to your congressman as soon as possible, urging him in behalf of the AFL membership in your community to vote for the extension of rent control.

"If your community would be directly affected, it would be important to let him know exactly what will happen to rents in your area if rent controls are removed."

OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS

New York.—The Denmark and Sweden labor parties offer two full scholarships for two-week courses in June, July and August at the labor schools at Brunnsvik, Sweden, and Roskilde, Denmark. Details may be obtained from the American-Scandinavian Foundation, 127 E. 73rd St., New York 21, N. Y., or Nelson Cruikshank, director AFL social insurance activities, Washington, D. C.

APPRENTICESHIP HISTORY

Washington. — A new booklet on the development of apprenticeship since colonial days has just been issued by the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Apprenticeship.

Important Notice TO AFL MEMBERS

All members of American Federation of Labor Unions in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County are urgently requested to attend a special meeting of AFL crafts at the Labor Temple, 920 West Trade street, THURSDAY NIGHT, JUNE 15TH, AT 7:30 O'CLOCK. Delegates to Charlotte Central Labor Union and Charlotte Building Trades Council are especially called upon to be present. Business of importance is to be transacted. Matters that affect everyone is to be taken up and discussed.

WALTER HOOKER, President
Charlotte Central Labor Union
JOHN LOVETT, President
Charlotte Building Trades Council

Receives Show Car



Philadelphia.—William Whelan (center), secretary of Local 13 AFL Bricklayers Union, Chester, Pa., receives 1951 Kaiser sedan awarded by Glass Bottle Blowers Association at Union Industries Show. Presentation is made by Bottle Blowers President Leo W. Minton (right) while Vice-President Raymond H. Dalton (left) watches.