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GREEN CALLS SINGLE LABOR GROUP 'MUST'

Sen. Donnell Insults American Workers

WASHINGTON.—Sen. Forrest C. Donnell's bill to prohibit strikes on the nation's railroads "is a gratuitous insult to union members throughout the country."

So said AFL President William Green testifying against the bill before the Senate Committee on Education and Labor.

Mr. Green said passage of the bill would be a wedge to impose compulsory arbitration on all industry.

The AFL president made his second appearance in a little over three months against a "lynch-labor" bill. In February he presented AFL opposition to Sen. A. William Robertson's proposal to bring all unions under the anti-trust laws.

The only way to prevent these constant efforts to chain and wreck the free, democratic labor movement is to retire Senator Donnell and his ilk this November and the others like him as they come up for re-election.

Of the Donnell bill, Mr. Green said in part:

"It would be difficult to find a single bill of the comparatively brief length of S. 3436 which contains within it as many fundamentally objectionable features as does the Donnell bill.

"Prohibitions and sanctions against which organized labor has most strenuously fought since its very inception are all contained within the bill, namely, compulsory arbitration, flat prohibition under criminal sanctions of the right to strike, and the use of injunctions.

"Although confined to the railroad industry, the bill constitutes a first step and a very long step toward the imposition of a system of compulsory arbitration on any industry which may be deemed vital to our economy and from thence to industry generally.

"My unalterable opposition and that of the American Federation of Labor and all of its constituent national and international unions to any form of compulsory arbitration in any industry, public utility or otherwise, and to any attempt to solve the problems of management and labor through strike prohibition or the use of the injunction have been presented to this and other committees of the Senate and House on numerous occasions.

"Industrial peace will not be secured by the establishment of labor courts or by compulsory arbitration. Maintenance of enduring industrial peace rests upon the full acceptance of free collective bargaining. Compulsion can force the parties to submit to a procedure. It may temporarily force an unwilling acceptance of the results. But forced obedience generates resistance. It is, therefore a source of further conflict. Obedience, exacted by compulsion, can never be a substitute for agreement.

"There is no warrant whatsoever to assume, as is assumed

Ohio AFL Formally Endorses Ferguson

Columbus, Ohio.—Speaking for more than 450,000 American Federation of Labor members in the state, the statewide advisory committee of the Ohio State Federation of Labor's Educational and Political League formally gave its overwhelming and enthusiastic endorsement to State Auditor Joseph T. Ferguson for U. S. senator.

The league also gave 22 congressional endorsements to a slate of labor-chosen candidates.

The committee, after careful investigation and analysis of the record of all candidates, has compiled a list of these national candidates whose election will be a direct benefit to all citizens of the state.

The state body again endorsed Stephen M. Young for congressman-at-large. An all-out campaign to elect Young and the other liberal congressmen from Ohio to help break the stranglehold maintained by the Taft-Bryd coalition was promised by Phil Hannah, secretary of the state league.

"There is no substitute for (Continued on Page 3)

by those who propose outlawing strikes and imposing arbitration in the name of emergency, that the working men and women of this nation have so little regard for their country and its institutions as ever to permit a situation to arise where the existence of the nation, the maintenance of its institutions, and the health and welfare of its citizens are in actual fact imperiled.

"Any legislative assumption that the working people of this country are so lacking in patriotism and moral fibre is a sad commentary not on the workers but on the state of mind of those very legislators.

"At no time in the history of this country have its working people evidenced such lack of morale; on the contrary, there is probably no nation on earth whose wage earners are as appreciative of their country's democratic institutions or as eager to maintain them as are ours. To assume that American workers would deliberately bring about the horrendous situations envisaged by some of the sponsors of this bill is not only completely without foundation in past history but is a gratuitous insult to union members throughout the country."

Visit Boys Club



New Haven, Conn.—Officials of the AFL Central Labor Union visit New Haven Boys' Club, a Community Chest agency, to see activities for which AFL members can provide voluntary leadership. The visit was prompted by President Green's letter to all AFL affiliates, recommending full AFL participation in Boys' Club programs. Present Joseph J. Egan and Secretary William J. Egan of the New Haven AFL Council, and Richard W. Whitney, boys' club program director, watch Arvet L. Leslie, John P. Ranciano and Charlie Miller operate controls of the miniature railroad in the club.

Favorable Ruling Made In Behalf Of Vet Teachers

The most significant ruling involving Teacher-Veterans since the war has recently been made by H. V. Sterling, Assistant Administrator for Vocational Rehabilitation and Education, at the request of the American Federation of Teachers, revealed John M. Eklund, its President.

Mr. Eklund said that the American Federation of Teachers recently protested that the strict interpretation of continuous enrollment after July 25, 1951, would work a severe hardship upon veterans in the teaching field. The recent ruling makes it possible for teacher-veterans to continue work toward graduate degrees until the termination date of the entire G. I. Training Program in July, 1956, as long as they stay in regular teaching jobs throughout the school year.

Quoting from Mr. Sterling's letter to A. F. of T. President, Mr. Eklund, as follows: "The Administrator has determined that in this particular position of the veteran-teacher in respect of the requirement for continuous pursuit of a course of education or training under the Act after the statutory delimiting dates may be said to be unique among other classes of veteran beneficiaries. Accordingly—and only because of the historical aspects of the matter, that is, the long recognized practice of the members of the teaching profession—it has been determined that an eligible veteran who pursues a course under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act, pointing directly to a graduate degree, in a college or university during the summer session 1950, who is regularly employed as a teacher during the school year 1950-1951, pursues graduate study under the Act during the summer session of 1951 (or is regularly enrolled in a summer term on or before July 25, 1951) and is regularly employed as a school teacher during the school year 1951-1952, may be permitted to continue graduate study during successive summer sessions following employment as a teacher during successive school years and that this shall be deemed to be continuous pursuit of his course of education or training within the meaning of the governing law and regulations.

It is to be understood that this determination is limited to the pursuit of graduate study only, that is, in a course leading to graduate degree, and to situations involving consecutive summer sessions following teaching employment in consecutive, succeeding school years. Where a veteran-teacher ceases to be employed in or for any school year he will not have satisfied the requirements of the regulations pertaining to the continuous pursuit of his course until completion, so far as any succeeding summer session is concerned, and he will have no right to further education or training under the law."

The A. F. of T. will continue to press the Veterans Administration for a more favorable interpretation of teacher-veterans who have not completed their undergraduate work. These veterans, Mr. Eklund stated, left the service and went directly in to teaching especially in rural areas to meet a real emergency. They did not in many instances have a full four years of college their G. I. benefits should assure them the opportunity of summer courses until a Bachelor's Degree is achieved.

Is Good Ice Cream!



Stockholm, Sweden.—Kai Rasmussen, viola player in the Detroit Scandinavian Symphony Orchestra and member of Local 1452 of the AFL Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, asks Lilian Margareta Palmblad where to get some of that good Swedish ice cream. Lilian's brother, Bo, and Annika Ekfeldt would like some too. The Detroit orchestra, composed of carpenters, tool makers, machinists, salesmen, teachers, housewives, professional men and manufacturers gave 30 concerts in Scandinavian countries, the proceeds going to a fund to provide music scholarships in the United States for Scandinavian pupils. The conductor was Edward Werner, vice-president of the Detroit American Federation of Musicians.

Post Office Slash Hurts Labor Press

Washington.—The Eastern Labor Press Conference demanded that Postmaster Jesse M. Donaldson and Congress rescind the orders which curtailed post office delivery services and made thousands of workers idle.

Acting unanimously in 9th annual convention, editors of AFL and independent union papers east of the Mississippi charged in a resolution that Mr. Donaldson's orders:

1. To a drastic degree have affected delivery of the labor press along with all other mail.
2. Personnel of the Post Office Department is suffering layoffs and excessive duties.

"The curtailment," the conference said, "places on the devoted employees of the Post Office Department an unjust burden entirely unworthy of our federal government as an enlightened employer. It is highly injurious to the labor press, the public and the national economy as a whole."

Copies of the resolution were sent to House and Senate committees which have recommended that Mr. Donaldson's orders be rescinded.

Other resolutions approved by the more than 50 editors commended the awards program of the International Labor Press of America; AFL Executive Council for denouncing the Trade Union Courier; the aims of the newly-formed National Conference of Union Labor Veterans; AFL Free Trade Union Committee and Committee on Human Rights; and the AFL News Service.

The editors urged that they be included in the Department of Defense orientation programs.

Capt. P. F. Wakeman, deputy chief, Office of Industrial Relations of the U. S. Navy, spoke on the Navy's responsibility for the maintenance of military security and industrial production.

Participating in a luncheon panel on improvement of the labor press were top Washington labor reporters, Joseph A. Loftus, New York Times; Norman Walker, Associated Press; Robert E. Lee, United Press, and Joseph Gambatese, Business Week. Irvin Lippe of Trainman News was chairman.

Officers re-elected were Frank B. Power, Commercial Telegraphers Union Journal, president; Ruth Taylor, columnist, secretary-treasurer; Lewis M. Herlor's Degree is achieved.

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Electrical Workers Condemn Policies In Public Power

Washington.—The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers wants an end to the anti-labor policies of the Rural Electrification Administration of the United States government.

"Labor does not choose to have its welfare determined by the administrative orders of government officials no matter how well intentioned they may purport to be," the council said in a statement.

"Under fascism, nazism and communism the people work for the state. Under the policies inaugurated by the Rural Electrification Administration those employed on electrical properties work for the government under the guise of co-operatives. It is a distinction without a difference."

The Electrical Workers said that under the expanded program of the Rural Electrification Administration, now far beyond the purposes for which it was established, the legitimate free enterprise system is in peril.

The Electrical Workers said: "The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers does not raise its voice on the subject of public power in behalf of private companies or their management. We have met the abuses of power by these companies in the past and have achieved substantial correction.

"The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers raises its voice in the subject of public power at this time in the interest of organized labor in the electric light and power industry.

"The subtle transformation of the government program from the proper purposes of providing power as a by-product of the initial program and of furnishing a 'yardstick' for private utilities has reached the stage where it threatens free enterprise in this industry.

"We support free enterprise not only in our capacity as citizens of the United States but also in our capacity as representatives of organized labor.

"Labor cherishes its right to bargain collectively for wages, hours and working conditions. It fights the abrogation of such rights whether in the form of anti-labor laws or in the more complicated form of transferring

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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—AFL President William Green told the Michigan State Federation of Labor that "there must be a single united labor movement in this country" if organized labor is to surmount its most serious problems.

New Care Packages For \$5.95 Offered

New York.—Eleven European countries will benefit under agreements just concluded by CARE for the introduction of CARE's new Budget Food package.

Designed to meet the request for a smaller package than CARE's Standard Food package at \$10, the new Budget Food package, with a net weight of 10 pounds, will sell for \$5.95 for guaranteed delivery in Austria, the Benelux countries, England (including Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland), Finland, France, Germany (Berlin and the three western zones), Greece, Italy and Norway.

The contents of the new package include: 1 lb. coffee, (1 lb. tea for Britain), 2 lbs. bacon, 1 lb. sugar, 1 lb. Bland lard, 24 oz. pork luncheon meat, 2 lbs. rice, 1 lb. fruit preserves and 8 oz. liver pate.

Because of higher delivery costs the price of the new package will be slightly higher for the Russian zone of Germany, to which it may be sent at the price of \$6.35.

Orders for the new package as well as for any of CARE's variety of 20-odd food and textile parcels may be forwarded through any local CARE outlet, or directly to CARE headquarters, 30 Broad Street, New York 5.

YANKEE SECRET!

Washington.—Marion H. Hedges, special assistant to Marshall Plan Labor Advisers, told a group of visiting Austrian editors that communists lie when they accuse America of profit-chasing in Europe by way of the Marshall Plan.

Mr. Hedges later told a group of visiting Germans that the United States actually is attempting to share with Europe the "Yankee secret" of lowering prices and raising wages while still out-producing the world.

Are you listening to Frank Edwards' radio broadcasts?

Speaking at the Michigan Federation's annual banquet, Mr. Green said:

"Many of the most serious problems we face today can be traced to the lack of unity in the ranks of labor. As Samuel Gompers taught us, unity is labor's greatest asset. A divided labor movement cannot exert the economic and political power necessary to cope with the efforts of reactionary big business interests to restrain the progress of the nation's workers.

"I say to you here and now that there is no valid or justifiable reason to prolong disunity in the organized labor movement of America.

"In order to protect the interests of the nation's workers effectively, there should be and there must be a single, united labor movement in this country. I am happy to inform you that the American Federation of Labor is doing everything in its power to promote peace and unity in our trade union movement.

"At its recent meeting in Philadelphia, the executive council urged the Congress of Industrial Organizations to name a committee to confer with a like committee representing the American Federation of Labor for the purpose of drawing a plan to bring about organic unity and a merger of the two organizations.

"It is my sincere hope that such conferences will be held in the near future and that they will successfully accomplish the goal we seek — a united labor movement so large and so powerful that those who now boldly challenge us on the economic and political fronts will be forced to retreat."

CANADA PRICES AT PEAK
Ottawa, Can.—The long-heralded drop in the cost of living is still to put in an appearance. The price index for April 1 remains at the all-time high of 164.

Examines Lobby Data



Washington.—Chairman Frank Buchanan of the House Lobbying Committee critically examines list of contributors to the new Federal anti-labor National Economic Council submitted at a committee hearing only after congressional subpoenas were issued. At left is Rep. Benjamin Latham of Georgia and looking on are committee staff members.