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INTERNATIONAL UNIONS CALL ON LOCALS TO STEP UP LABOR VOTE AND FUND DRIVES

International Officers Pledge Aid To LLPE

WASHINGTON. — Top international union officials pledged immediate assistance of their organizations to getting AFL members registered to vote and contributing voluntary donations to Labor's League for Political Education. AFL Vice President Dan W. Tracy, president International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, told the 2-day political meeting that the situation can be met if everyone will undertake to do his job.

"If the top leaders don't realize the seriousness of this situation, your movement will be set back 25 years," he said.

"We're going to double our efforts to get the money in as rapidly as possible and get our people registered. All of our representatives and organizers are going into our local unions in the next four months and get that job done. That is going to be the policy of the IBEW."

"What we need is action and we need it badly."

President Woodruff Randolph of the International Typographical Union said that he will send to every local union the figures on their contributions to LLPE. He said he expects an immediate competition by all locals to improve their record.

He and Pat Gorman, secretary-treasurer Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen, were among top officials to say they are "ashamed" of the performance record so far of their local unions. Mr. Gorman said his union will step up its efforts among the 500 locals and 200,000 members.

President John P. Burke of the Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers said his union had paid \$5,000 of the 10-cents per member assessment to the political education fund and had another \$7,000 ready to put on the line representing payment in full for the 120,000 members of the union.

Mr. Burke said his officials would make every effort to raise voluntary contributions of the membership. He believed more than 70 per cent would come through.

AMA's Slush Fund Kills Health Post

Washington. — The American Medical Association got another dividend from its \$25 compulsory assessment on the nation's physicians.

The House voted down President Truman's proposal for a new Department of Health, Education and Security by 249 to 71.

AMA lobbyists, working with the biggest slush fund in Washington, succeeded in getting the House to reject Reorganization Plan 27 which had the support of the American Federation of Labor and other liberal groups.

Just before the House acted, the Senate Committee on Executive Expenditures rejected the plan, 8 to 3. Had it come up in the Senate at all, it would have been voted on right after FEPC, when Dixiecrats would have been in 100 per cent attendance.

The plan could have been killed with 218 votes. The extent of the AMA's success can be measured by what an AMA aide said after the voting. "Hell, man" the lobbyist said, "we'd have been happy with 218 or 219. We never expected anything like 249."

Reorganization Plan No. 27 would have created a Department of Health, Education and Security, headed by a secretary of cabinet.

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U. S. Labels Russia Real War Criminal

Washington. — AFLers are urged NOT to sign Russia's phony peace petition now being circulated in this country.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson called the petition "a propaganda trick in the spurious peace offensive of the Soviet Union."

Lewis G. Hines, special AFL representative, said Mr. Acheson had labeled the peace petition exactly what it is—a trick. In a statement branding Soviet Russia the war criminal and aggressor that she is, Mr. Acheson said:

I am sure that the American people will not be fooled by the so-called "World Peace Appeal" or "Stockholm Resolution" now being circulated in this country for signatures. It should be recognized for what it is—a propaganda trick in the spurious "peace offensive" of the Soviet Union.

The resolution was adopted last March at the Stockholm session of the "Partisans of Peace," an international organization established by the communists, and the campaign for signatures in the United States is being actively promoted by the Communist Party.

An analysis of the petition shows that it tries to do two things: (1) promote the unworkable Soviet proposals concerning atomic energy, ignoring the effective control plan approved by the overwhelming majority of the United Nations and opposed only by the Soviet Union and four of its satellites; and (2) center attention on the use of atomic weapons by branding as a war criminal the first nation to use atomic weapons, ignoring the aggression in other forms presently being practiced by the communists.

As for the second point, namely, that the first nation to use atomic weapons will have committed a crime against humanity and should be branded as a war criminal, it is obvious that this is an utterly cynical begging of the question. The real crime against humanity is aggression, and in particular, the deliberate resort to armed aggression in de-

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Work for T-H Repeal



Washington.—Joseph D. Keenan (left), director Labor's League for Political Education, talks with President Woodruff Randolph of International Typographical Union in front of huge U.S. map showing states where labor must elect liberal senators to assure repeal of the Taft-Hartley law used so viciously on the printers' union.

Charlotte Labor Men Attend LLPE Meet

John Lovett, business agent for the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, Charlotte local, and Walter Hooker, president Charlotte Central Labor Union, and business agent for a local electrical workers union, and H. A. Stalls, editor of The Charlotte Labor Journal, attended a meeting in Washington this week of the Labor League for Political Education, called to convene at Hotel Washington on Tuesday morning for a two-day session.

Brothers Hooker and Stalls were delegates from Charlotte Central Labor Union. The first days' session was devoted to officers of national and international unions at which time matters political were reviewed and discussed along with the league's activities in past elections. Wednesday morning was turned over to State Federations of Labor officers and Central Labor Union officers who were given look-in on the league's structure, its activities and also ways and means in which the American Federation of Labor membership may in the future render the necessary co-operation to better perfect the league's functioning.

At both the Tuesday and Wednesday sessions past elections were reviewed and analyzed through speeches, records and charts.

Wednesday evening was devoted to the representatives of the Labor Press throughout the country and a large gathering of American Labor scribes proved to be very enthusiastic. The Labor editors and LLPE officials got down to real business as soon as the meeting was called to order and matters were aired out at this session which will no doubt result in a more vigilant labor press as the election campaigns get under way this fall. The meeting for the newspaper people adjourned at 10 o'clock to meet again at American Federation of Labor LLPE headquarters at 9:30 Thursday morning to complete plans laid the night before for a greater co-ordination of publicity campaigns designed to familiarize all the AFL union membership with political and other issues as they arise.

July 9 in obedience to the injunction. Three days earlier the switchmen had ended their strike against four other western roads after President Truman implied he would act to end the walkout which, he said, was hampering

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WASHINGTON.—Officers of international and national unions threw their full weight behind the twin drives of Labor's League for Political Education for political campaign funds and to register voters. The action climaxed a grave 2-day meeting of officers of the international unions, state federations and central labor unions with AFL President William Green and Joseph D. Keenan, LLPE director.

Labor Press Calls For Prize Entries

Newark, N. J.—The International Labor Press of America has called on member editors to submit entries of their newspapers by August 15 for the annual journalistic award contest. Entries have been divided into three classes: International union publications (magazine format), monthly labor papers, and weekly labor papers. They will be judged for editorial excellence in typography and presswork.

Open to all publications are awards for: Best single editorial, best original cartoon, best pictorial display, best front page, best feature article, best special column, best community project.

Chairman of this year's award committee is Dr. Frederic E. Merwin, school of journalism, Rutgers University, New Brunswick.

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Pledged Action Now



Washington.—Two of the fightin'est speeches pledging immediate help by their international unions to the fund-raising and registration drives of Labor's League for Political Education were made by President John P. Burke of the Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers (left) and AFL Vice-President Dan W. Tracy, president International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Green Alerts CLU's On Local Rent Control

WASHINGTON.—AFL President William Green alerted all Central Labor Unions on the necessity of getting local government action to continue federal rent controls in their communities after December 31, 1950. Mr. Green warned that "a most serious situation will confront many members of AFL unions" if rent controls are allowed to expire. He sent the following letter to all CLUs:

"The rent control law has recently been extended by act of Congress. In all important respects, the law provides for exactly the same rent control program as has been in effect up to now.

"I am writing primarily to call your attention to one very important feature of the law.

"The new law provides for outright extension of federal rent controls where they now exist for only six months.

"Federal rent controls will die after December 31, 1950, in any community which has not by affirmative action, by a resolution of its governing body or by a public referendum, requested that rent controls be continued for an additional six months after the end of 1950.

"I know that a most serious situation will confront many members of AFL unions if rent

controls are permitted to expire at the end of this year.

"If rent controls will be needed in your community after that time, I want to impress upon you the urgency of securing prompt action in your community to obtain either a resolution of your city council or a public referendum declaring that federal rent controls should be continued in your area for an additional six months beyond the end of 1950.

"In some communities legal technicalities will make it impossible to secure a referendum. In that case, the only alternative is to secure an affirmative declaration for continued rent controls by the city council.

"If you have any questions regarding this matter, I would suggest that you get in touch with me or with Mr. Harry C. Bates, chairman, AFL housing committee."

In a policy statement, the officials said: "To fight communism abroad and to safeguard democratic rights and economic well-being at home, that is the job which faces the next Congress.

"The reactionary opponents of labor have proven incompetent to set policy. Not only on domestic policy but in fighting the communists abroad, they have proven bad security risks."

The National Committee of LLPE composed of the presidents of the national and international unions, recommended that all national and international unions and all AFL affiliates shall immediately instruct their regional and district representatives to call on the local union deputy collectors (financial secretaries) and to call regional meetings of all local union officers to get the following action rolling:

1. Establish in each local union a Registration Committee whose goal is to register every member and his or her family so that they will be qualified to vote in the November elections.
2. Establish in each local union a Contribution Committee whose goal shall be a voluntary contribution from every member and from friends, these funds to be forwarded weekly to LLPE.
3. Conduct a continuing campaign urging each member's full and complete participation in LLPE and the over-all political effort.
4. The national and international unions and all AFL affiliates to obtain complete periodic progress reports on registration and contributions, the first to be made by September 1.

The policy statement said that LLPE had stemmed and reversed the tide of reaction in Congress. The 81st Congress passed the public housing act, raised the minimum wage from 40 to 75 cents an hour, and expanded social security—first liberal legislation in a decade.

"To hold these gains, to make greater improvements and to repeal the infamous Taft-Hartley Act, labor must increase the liberal majority in Congress," the statement said. "Labor has the votes required for victory.

"It is absolutely necessary for us to see that labor's vote does not stay home in 1950, but appears in full force at the polls on November 7 next."

Visits Far East

New Delhi, India.—A mission of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions completed the most extensive tour of the Far East ever made by free trades unionists.

The 6-man mission visited West Pakistan, New Delhi, Bombay, Then John Brophy of the CIO, Jay Krane of the ICFTU office in Brussels, and A. Dalley of the British Trade Union Congress visited Tokyo.

Gordon Chapman of the AFL, E. Dekeyser of the Belgian Transport Workers, Deven Sen of the Indian National Trade Union Congress, and Richard Deverall, AFL representative in Bombay, conferred with trade unionists in East Pakistan, Burma and Thailand.

Reunited the mission completed its tour with visits and conferences in Indochina, Hong Kong, Manila, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaya, Ceylon, Bombay and Karachi.