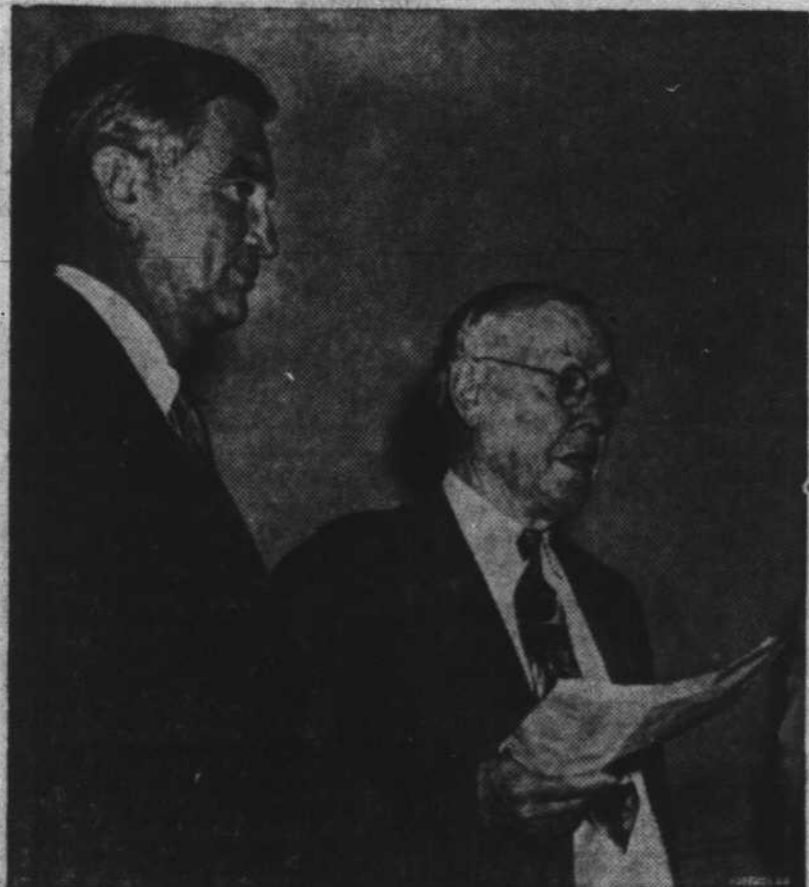


N. C. FED MEETS IN WINSTON-SALEM MONDAY

War Demands Prompt T-H Repeal and Excess Tax On All Profiteers

GREEN TELLS NEW YORK AFL THAT END OF TAFT-HARTLEY WOULD REVITALIZE WORKERS FOR BIG JOB AHEAD

NEW YORK.—AFL President William Green told the New York Federation of Labor's annual convention that "prompt repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act should stand as Tell Mobilization Plans



Washington.—Chairman Stuart M. Symington of the National Security Resources Board (left) and AFL President William Green tell reporters that organized labor has been accorded full equal voice with industry, agriculture and government in mobilizing the nation to win the Korean war and defense plans against communist aggression.

the number one item on our national defense program." He said in part:

"That infamous law is a powerful propaganda tool in the hands of the Communists. They point to it, in their propaganda messages to workers in other lands, as proof of American insincerity in professing to accord equality of treatment to all citizens.

"Its repeal would revitalize the workers of this country, inspire them as no other action could, to pitch in and do the tremendous job that lies ahead of them. I can say with full confidence that half the production battle would be won in advance with action by Congress now to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act and replace it with a fair and just law under which labor and management could carry on their heavy defense duties without fear of oppression or one-sided treatment by the government.

"But I am not so optimistic as to believe that the reactionary groups in big business and in Congress who inflicted the Taft-Hartley Act upon us will have the vision or the statesmanship to realize the error of their ways and to relinquish their punitive drive against labor without a struggle.

"It is therefore incumbent upon our trade union movement to carry on the fight for repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act with undiminished vigor until our cause is won. We know that in struggling to keep American labor

strong and free, we are upholding the cause not only of American workers, but of American democracy itself. That knowledge has sustained us through many disappointments and it will continue to inspire us until our goal is won.

"In the past few days, the combined impetus of the national defense emergency and the damaging effects of the Taft-Hartley Act have brought about the most encouraging progress toward labor unity in America since the split occurred in 1935.

"As a result of the negotiations that have already taken place, I can assure you that there is a firm determination on the part of the representatives of both the American Federation of Labor and the CIO to find a basis of accommodation and to reach an accord which will bring about a single, united, all-powerful labor movement in America.

"It may take considerable time to achieve that objective but already agreement has been reached upon these major points:

"1. The American Federation of Labor and CIO will work together in complete harmony to further the war effort in Korea and to speed the overall defense program.

"2. The American Federation of Labor and the CIO will collaborate closely in international

Belgians Greeted



Washington.—Assistant Secretary of Labor Philip M. Keenan (left) and AFL President William Green chat with Josef Keuleers, professor Christian High School for Workers, and Nathalis De Boek, national secretary General Federation of Labor of Belgium, two of eight Belgian trades unionists feted at a luncheon by AFL and CIO during the Belgians' Economic Cooperation Administration visit here.



Win Study Trips To Oxford Univ.

Bronxville, N. Y.—Three union members have earned Transatlantic Foundation scholarships for a years study beginning next October at Ruskin College, Oxford, England.

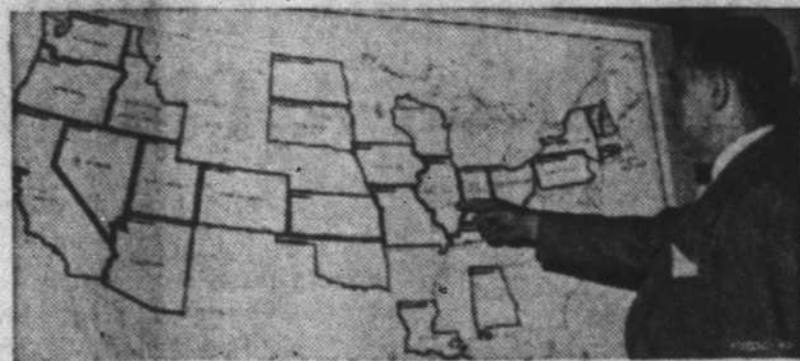
Dr. Harold Taylor, president Sarah Lawrence College and chairman of the U. S. Committee on Ruskin College Labor Scholarships, announced the winners as:

Carla Ruth Myerson, Washington, D. C., student, AFL American Federation of Teachers Local 189; James Emmett Wolfe, Louisville, Ky., instructor Department of Research and Education, Kentucky Federation of Labor, Office Employees International Union 61 and National Federation of Post Office Clerks Local 4; John A. Cochrane, St. Paul, Minn., operating engineer, CIO Marine Engineers Beneficial Association Local 33 and Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen Local 928.

HERZOG REAPPOINTED

Washington.—President Truman nominated Chairman Phil M Herzog for another 5-year term as head of the National Labor Relations Board. Mr. Herzog's term expires in August.

Keenan Plots Task



Washington.—Director Joseph Keenan of Labor's League for Political Education points to his home state of Illinois as one of the important contests where liberal voters must win if repeal of the Taft-Hartley law is to be achieved. The map shows 25 states where liberal victories would mean a progressive Fair Deal congress.

ICFTU Counters Reds Phony Plea

Brussels, Belgium.—The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions has called on affiliates representing 50,000,000 of the world's workers to counter the communists "Stockholm peace campaign, the only aim of which is to create confusion about the true imperialistic character of the Soviet Unions policy."

"We cannot let the communists go on parading as the champions of peace and collecting signatures for the so-called Stockholm campaign from hundreds of thousands of well-meaning but uninformed people, while at the same time conducting a full-fledged, flagrant, undeniable war of aggression in Korea," the ISFTU has advised affiliated trade union centers.

The ICFTU—the anti-communist world trade organization including both AFL and CIO — ask that these facts about the Korean war be publicized: "Whatever the immediate outcome of the fighting the following facts are clear and indisputable:

- "1. The fighting was started by forces of North Korea — a Soviet satellite state.
- "2. The Security Council has charged North Korea as the aggressor and called on member states to render all possible aid — including military aid — to South Korea.
- "3. Moscow's claim that the Security Council decision taken in its absence has no legal validity has been rejected by every competent international legal expert.
- "4. The accusation that South Korea started the fighting is a falsehood.
- "5. The World Federation of Trade Unions campaign to secure the support of trade unionists, and particularly transport workers, for the war against South Korea is further evidence of Moscow's desire to use the trade union movement for the political

CAPITAL REPORTER

Scott Summers

RALEIGH, Aug. 10.—There were some red faces in Raleigh last week when the assistant Budget Director Dave Coltrane laid his end-of-the-year operations' report on Governor Scott's desk.

It showed that a predicted \$5,000,000 deficit had turned into a balanced budget, with \$13,000,000 left in the kitty to start the new year.

Technically, however, Coltrane says there only was a surplus of approximately \$850,000 for the year, since the state had started the 12-months period some \$13,000,000 in the black.

With a \$142,000,000 budget for the current 12 months, and an estimated income of \$129,000,000 by the General Assembly. Coltrane figured the state should end the 1951 fiscal year with a balanced budget.

But there's a joker in the deck. The 1949 legislature put a rider in the appropriations bill to the effect that "should there be a surplus" teacher raises should be boosted up to \$2,200 to \$3,100 minimum.

The law says the increase is to be paid as of June 30 of each fiscal year "after the surplus has been determined"—and that's the catch.

Coltrane says the \$13,000,000 is not surplus, but balance on hand. Teachers claim it is surplus and they should get a raise.

The \$64 question is: "Who determines when a surplus exists and how does he decide it."

The General Assembly makes appropriations on a two-year basis, and any answer will have to be based on "intent" of the Assembly—whether it meant the teachers to have a raise if the two-year budget was balanced or if it meant the teachers should have a raise at the end of the

first year if there was a balance on hand.

The loosely-worded legislative act evades the issue, giving the State Board of Education and the attorney general leeway to straddle the fence—as they are doing.

In all likelihood, the matter will not be decided without a court test or by further legislative action.

Ironically, the boys who cried "wolf, wolf" about a year-end deficit are yelling the loudest about "let's give it to the teachers." Many of them are the same ones who fought the hardest in the 1949 Assembly against giving any raise to the teachers.

Now, however, they want to cut a \$6,000,000 slice from the teachers whether the State goes in the red or not. An example is Senator Frank Gibbs of Warren, who was a leader in "fighting teacher pay raises until he saw he was licked. He then proposed a similar amendment to the one now causing all the fuss—but it was defeated. After the raise was okayed, John Umstead of Orange, sent up the contingent 1950-51 fiscal year raise amendment which was adopted.

Meanwhile, North Carolina's dairyman farmer governor — an old hand at seasonal surpluses — wasn't getting excited, knowing that surpluses and shortages balance out.

He's pledged to giving teachers a raise now "if a surplus exists."

Much to the surprise of many people, the Governor's suggestion that the State take over operation and maintenance of city streets has won the acclaim of many rural folks. Lots of the "branch-head" boys have written the Governor saying they favor

Three-Day Session May See Officers Changed Many Believe Fink On Way Out Williamson of Durham To Run

The 1950 convention of the North Carolina Federation of Labor will convene Monday, August 14, at 9 o'clock, in Winston-Salem, N. C., and large delegations representative of American Federation of Labor Unions in North Carolina have signified their intentions of being in attendance.

Delegations from Manteo to Mount Mitchell and from North to South will converge on the Camel City for this all important annual meeting of the AFL at which time matters that pertain to organization work, politics, both in and out of the Labor movement, and other affairs will come up for discussion and disposition.

Several movements are underway. The Labor Journal has been informed, to change Federation officers before the convention adjourns on Wednesday. (See editorial in this issue of The Labor Journal). Many unionists in Tarheelia have for some time been dissatisfied with present leadership and it appears this year the pre-convention talk has gained sufficient momentum to cause things to bust loose in a big way when nomination time rolls around about Wednesday of next week.

Charlotte may offer candidates for the top positions on the executive board; Charlotte may even offer a candidate for the presidency. Asheville has been mentioned as well as many of the high offices; Durham is, giving notice that the Durham delegations will support E. R. "Sparky" Williamson, editor of The Durham Labor Journal, for the place of president.

This unusual advance political activity is a good omen that North Carolina Labor is waking from a long sleep—a sleep into which it has been lulled for many years by the peculiar capers of a bunch who has endeavored to control everything from a free Labor press to the way a member of an affiliated union "parts his hair" before being allowed an opportunity to be heard because of some grievance that has arisen. So say some of the present leadership's critics.

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the proposal. And the idea has gained support of lots of city leaders, too. Oil lobbyists in North Carolina already are scowling over the prospect of an added gasoline tax and are packing their carpet bags with greenbacks preparatory to a trip to Raleigh.

It is interesting to note that slightly less than one-fifth of the secondary roads to be constructed under the \$200,000,000 program already have been built. And this despite the fact that in the past three months North Carolina built more roads than at any like period in the history of the State. There's still a fair-sized amount to go around getting folks out of the mud—some \$170,000,000, to be exact.

After the J. B. Moore fiasco, the administration realized that it had to have quite a man as prisons director. He had to

command the respect of prison department employees, administration backers and opponents. Like Caesar's wife, he had to be above reproach.

BEAT COMMUNISTS

Paris, France — Miners and steel workers of the Ruhr valley have helped hand the communists a heavy election beating.

Complete returns from June 13 elections in the West German state of North Rhine-Westphalia, which includes the Ruhr, give the communists only 12 seats in the state parliament, compared to 28 seats held previously.

NAMED DIRECTOR

Washington.—Federal Security Administrator Oscar R. Ewing appointed Clark Tibbitts as director of the National Conference on Aging here on August 13, 14, and 15. Mr. Tibbitts, nationally known authority on problems of the aging, is currently assistant chief of the division of public health methods of the public Health Service.

Working Toward Unity



Washington.—Four members of the AFL-CIO Permanent Unity Committee, due to meet in August in Chicago, are, l. to r., AFL President William Green, AFL Vice-President Daniel J. Tobin, CIO Vice-Presidents Allan S. Haywood and Walter Reuther.