

AFL Convention Call

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AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR
A. F. of L. Building
Washington, D. C.
To All Affiliated Unions Greetings:

ic unions, the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. All of this must be interpreted as a contribution toward the promotion of international welfare, good will and co-operation. No one can adequately appraise the value of the service thus rendered in the promotion of international peace and security and in the determination to preserve freedom, liberty and democracy.

June 30, 1950.
You are hereby notified that, in pursuance of the Constitution of the American Federation of Labor, the Sixty-ninth Convention of the American Federation of Labor will be held in the Civic Auditorium, Houston, Texas, beginning at 10:00 o'clock Monday morning, September 18, 1950, and will continue in session from day to day until the business of the Convention shall have been completed.

Many interesting developments have taken place in both the international and the national fields since the adjournment of our last convention. The extension of aid, assistance and help to the impoverished people of Europe through the Marshall Plan and otherwise, has been supplemented through the organization and establishment of a new world confederation of free, democrat-

In the national field, our unions have succeeded in maintaining the economic and social gains which they have made, and in raising their standards of life and living to somewhat higher levels. In this respect we have not lost but instead have gained much. Through the enactment of improved social security legislation, the establishment of higher minimum wage rates, the extension of a shorter workday period in many instances, and the development of a favorable public sentiment in support of adequate retirement legislation, the social and economic welfare of the masses of the people has been advanced.

In fighting for the realization of these social and economic gains we have learned that we must continue as aggressively and militantly as ever for the preservation of freedom, liberty and democracy. Even during this period when we meet again in annual convention, there is abroad throughout the nation a clashing of governmental ideologies and controls. We of the American Federation of Labor who cherish freedom and liberty as a priceless heritage can not and will not surrender to totalitarianism or the totalitarian form of government. Because we

1950 Convention Site



Houston, Tex.—The 69th AFL convention assembles Sept. 18, 1950 in this magnificent \$2,000,000 Sam Houston Coliseum and Music Hall. The building will seat more than 20,000 people.

cherish freedom we will fight to maintain it; because we regard liberty as a priceless heritage we will sacrifice anything and everything to preserve it and transmit it intact to succeeding generations.

We call upon the representatives of government to terminate the second World War through the negotiation of an agreement and through such action establish international peace and security throughout the world.

Our fight for the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law must continue until we achieve our purpose to wipe this objectionable legislation from the statute books of the nation. We must plan to mobilize our full political strength in order to accomplish this highly commendable purpose.

At this historic convention we will plan to go forward, never backward; to hold fast all the gains we have made and fight for improved conditions of employment and higher standards of living; to maintain the freedom guaranteed us by the organic law of the land; and to refuse to accept legislation which will limit our legal, free trade union activities and thus hinder and hamper us in our efforts to lift the standard of life and living of every American worker to a high and still higher level.

Representation

Representation in the Convention will be on the following basis: From National or International Union, for less than 4,000 members, one delegate; 4,000 or more, two delegates; 8,000 or more, three delegates; 16,000 or more, four delegates; 32,000 or more, five delegates; 64,000 or more, six delegates; 128,000 or more, seven delegates; 256,000 or more, eight delegates; and so on; and from Central Bodies and State Federations, and from local trade unions not having a National or International Union, and from Federal Labor Unions, one delegate.

Only bona fide wage workers who are not members of, or eligible to membership in, other Trade Unions shall be eligible as delegates from Federal Labor Unions. Only those persons whose Local Unions are affiliated with Central Bodies or with State Branches and who are delegates to said Central Bodies or State Branches shall be eligible to represent city Central Bodies or State Branches, in the Conventions of the American Federation of Labor.

Organizations to be entitled to representation must have obtained a certificate of affiliation (charter), at least one month prior to the Convention; and no person will be recognized as a delegate who is not a member in good standing of the organization he is elected to represent.

Delegates must be elected at least two weeks previous to the Convention, and their names forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer of the American Federation of Labor immediately after their election.

Delegates are not entitled to seats in the Convention unless the tax and assessments of their organization have been paid in full to August 31, 1950.

The importance of our movement, the duty of the hour and for the future, demand that every organization entitled to representation shall send its full quota of delegates to the Houston Convention, September 18, 1950.

Credentials

Credentials in duplicate are forwarded to all affiliated unions. The original credential should be given to the delegate-elect and the duplicate forwarded to the American Federation of Labor Office, A. F. of L. Building, Washington, D. C.

The Committee on Credentials will meet at the headquarters of the American Federation of Labor ten days previous to the opening of the Convention, and will report immediately upon the opening thereof at Houston, Tex.,

as, hence secretaries will observe the necessity of mailing the duplicate credentials of their respective delegates at the earliest possible moment to Washington, D. C.

Resolutions—Time Limit

The provisions of the A. F. of L. Constitution, Article III, Section 8, require all resolutions, petitions, memorials and appeals to be received by the Secretary-Treasurer of the American Federation of Labor, at Headquarters in Washington, D. C., 30 days immediately preceding the opening of the Convention; except in instances where such resolutions, petitions, memorials, appeals, etc., have been acted upon and approved at a regular convention of a National or International Union or State Federation of Labor, held during this 30-day period, in which event such proposals shall be received up to five days prior to the convention date of the Convention of the American Federation of Labor.

Resolutions of State Federations of Labor must first have received the approval of the previous Convention of the State Federation of Labor involved.

Resolutions of City Central Labor Unions must first have received the approval of such Central Labor Union at a regularly constituted meeting of the organization.

Any resolutions or proposals received after the expiration of the time limits shall be referred to the Executive Council and the Executive Council shall refer all such proposals to the Convention with the understanding that acceptance of such proposals is dependent upon the unanimous consent of the Convention.

Any or all proposals emanating from directly affiliated local trade and Federal Labor Unions shall be referred to the Executive Council for consideration and disposition. The Executive Council shall in turn advise the convention of the disposition made of such proposal or proposals.

Three copies of each resolution or proposal should be furnished.

Grievances

Under the law no grievance may be considered by the Convention which has been decided by a previous Convention, except upon the recommendation of the Executive Council, nor will any grievance be considered where the parties thereto have not themselves previously held conference and attempted to adjust the same. (Art. III, Sec. 12.)

Hotels

Headquarters for the Executive Council will be at the Rice Hotel.

Delegates will present credentials to the Committee on Credentials at the office of Secretary-Treasurer Meany at the Rice Hotel.

Delegates are requested to make their hotel reservations as soon as possible by communicating with George A. Wilson, Secretary, Trades and Labor Council, 1301 Leeland St., Houston, Texas.

In all cases please state in detail type of reservations desired and advise the exact date of arrival. In the event reservations are to be canceled please advise Secretary Wilson immediately.

Following is list of hotels which have reserved a number of rooms for A. F. of L. delegates:

- Rice Hotel—Single room, \$5.00 to \$7.00. Double room, \$7.00 to \$9.00. Combination Parlor room for two, \$9.00.
- Auditorium Hotel—Single room, \$2.25 to \$3.50. Double room, \$3.50 to \$5.50. Twin bed room, \$4.50 to \$6.00.
- Ben Milam Hotel—Single room, \$3.25 to \$7.00. Double room, \$4.50 to \$6.00. Twin bed rooms, \$6.00 to \$7.00.
- Bristol Hotel—Single room, \$2.00 to \$4.00. Double room, \$2.50 to \$4.50.
- Cotton Hotel—Single room, \$2.50 to \$3.50. Double room, \$3.50 to \$4.00. Twin bed room, \$4.00

- Freds Hotel—Single room, \$2.00 to \$3.00. Double room, \$2.50 to \$3.50.
- Lamar Hotel—Single room, \$5.00 to \$9.00. Double room, \$7.00 to \$8.00. Twin bed room, \$8.00.
- Lamar Annex—Single room, \$2.50 to \$3.50. Double room, \$3.50 to \$5.00. Twin bed room, \$5.00 to \$5.50.
- Lee Hotel—Single room, \$2.25 to \$2.50. Double room, \$2.75 to \$3.50. Three in a room, \$4.25.
- Macatee Hotel—Single room, \$2.00 to \$3.50. Double room, \$4.00 to \$5.00. Twin bed room, \$5.00 to \$6.00.
- Milby Hotel—Single room, \$3.00 to \$3.50. Double room, \$4.00 to \$5.00. Twin bed room, \$5.00.
- Belmont Hotel—Single room, \$2.50 to \$3.00. Double room, \$3.00 to \$4.00.
- Rhodes Hotel—Single room, \$3.00. Double room, \$3.50. Twin bed room, \$4.00.
- Shamrock Hotel—Single room, \$6.00 to \$16.00. Twin bedrooms, \$8.00 to \$18.00. Suites, \$18.00 to \$30.00.
- Roosevelt Hotel—Single room, \$2.25 to \$3.00. Double, \$2.75 to \$3.75. Twin bed room, \$3.25.
- Sam Houston Hotel—Single room, \$2.50 to \$4.00. Double room, \$3.50 to \$6.50. Twin bed room, \$5.00 to \$6.50.
- San Jacinto Hotel—Single room, \$2.50 to \$5.00. Double room, \$3.50 to \$6.00. Twin bed room, \$4.50.
- Stratford Hotel—Single room, \$3.00. Double room, \$4.00. Twin bed room, \$4.50.
- Tennison Hotel—Single room, \$2.00 to \$3.00. Double room, \$2.50 to \$3.00. Twin bed room, \$4.00 to \$5.00.
- Texas State Hotel—Single room, \$3.50 to \$9.00. Double room, \$5.50 to \$12.00. Twin bed room, \$6.00 to \$12.00.
- Travelers Hotel—Single room, \$1.50. Double room, \$2.50. Twin bed room, \$3.00.
- Walee Hotel—Single room, \$2.25 to \$2.50. Double room, \$2.75 to \$3.50. Three in room, \$4.25.
- Woodrow Hotel—Single room, \$2.50 to \$3.50. Double room, \$3.50 to \$5.00.
- Fannin Hotel—Suites, \$4.00 to \$15.00.
- Warwick Hotel—Single room, \$4.00 to \$6.00. Double room, \$6.50 to \$8.00. Suites \$9.00 to \$15.00.
- De George Hotel—Single room, \$2.25 to \$3.00. Double room, \$3.25 to \$5.00. Twin bed room, \$4.00 to \$5.00.

We have been advised that Delegates who wish to take special tours to Mexico, etc., may arrange for accommodations by communicating with Secretary George A. Wilson of the Trades and Labor Council.

If there be any further information regarding the Convention, or arrangements for the convenience of the Delegates, it will be communicated in a later circular or through the American Federationist.

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM GREEN, President.

GEORGE MEANY, Secretary-Treasurer.

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