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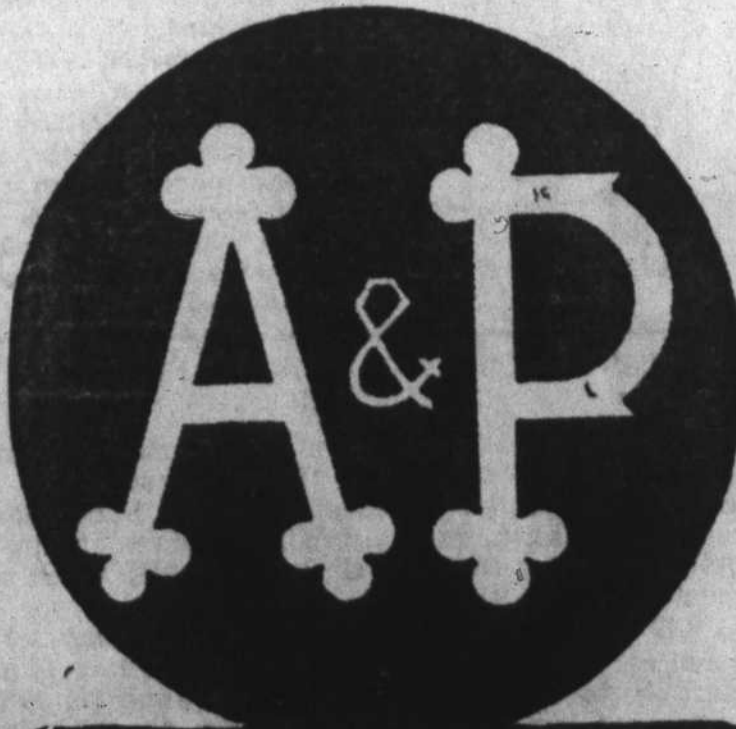
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WASHINGTON. — The International Association of Machinists set December 1-31 for a vote by its more than 600,000 members on reaffiliation with the American Federation of Labor.

The date was set pursuant to a unanimous recommendation of the IAM executive council that the Machinists return to the AFL.

In a communication addressed to the IAM membership everywhere, President A. J. Hayes and members of the IAM executive council said:

"We earnestly request that the entire membership of the IAM support this unanimous action of their executive council by an overwhelming vote in the interests of trade union unity.

"Our reaffiliation with the AFL is, in our opinion, a constructive way to work for this desirable objective. We pledge you our full support of the program to achieve complete unity with all segments of the American labor movement.

"It has been achieved in the political field due to necessity, and it is highly essential in the economic field and, in our opinion, represents the aspirations of every sincere trade unionist, not only in the IAM but in every organized group in our nation."

The IAM acted after reaching complete agreement with the

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Answer: In the Official Gazette published weekly by the Patent Office. It contains a brief description and drawing of the invention.

FIGHT POLIO
New York.—Members of Local 791 AFL International Longshoremen's Association raised \$1,019 in a one-day drive for the Greater New York chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Washington.—Local 639 International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Charles J. Bell, president, presented a portable iron lung to Prince Georges General Hospital, Cheverly, Md.

New York. — Bills for polio patient care alone required more than \$94,000,000 in March of Dime funds since 1938, almost two-thirds of the total being spent in 1948, 1949 and 1950—worst 3-year polio period on record. The annual March of Dimes drive will be held January 15-31, 1951.

AFL on "a fair and equitable basis for reaffiliation."

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