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## AFL Union's Float Wins Tournament of Roses Prize



For the second straight year a float entered by the AFL Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union won third prize in its division in the fabulous Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, Calif., on New Year's Day. This year's spectacular entry, shown above, carried out the theme, "Prosperity for All." Near the front, three pretty girls in high-top bakers' caps sat atop a flowered miniature of the world, with a blossom-fashioned caricature of the sun revolving eighteen feet above. To the rear of the float stood a giant slice of bread, made of white chrysanthemums, into which was woven in purple asters the bakers' and confectioners' union label. In the center was a beautiful garden of hundreds of American Beauty roses. An estimated 1,750,000 persons viewed the float along the parade route, and another 70 million witnessed the procession by television and newsreel.

## Green Calls Truman's Program Well Balanced

AFL President William Green issued the following statement on President Truman's State of the Union Message:

"President Truman presented to Congress a constructive and well-balanced program of progressive action on both international and domestic problems.

"In my opinion, Congress ought to buckle down immediately to the job of enacting the entire program within the next six months.

"Obviously, however, that is too much to expect from the 82d Congress which is controlled by a reactionary coalition far more intent on narrow political objectives than the public interest.

"It is shameful that the leaders of Congress should brazenly take the position that their goal is to

wind up the session as quickly as possible and do as little as possible.

"Actually, the surest way for members of Congress to win the respect of the American people and earn re-election would be for them to work hard and constructively on the President's program.

"The American Federation of Labor goes along with the President wholeheartedly on his insistence on a firm foreign policy backed up by a strengthened national defense program. Congress dare not neglect this uppermost duty.

"We also endorse his recommendations for stronger price controls, for enactment of a new labor relations law that would be fair to labor and management alike, for more equitable tax legislation, for defense housing, for

Federal aid to education, for medical health insurance and for readjustment benefits to Korean war veterans.

"As the President said, these measures will strengthen the American people and the American way of life. They will help to prove to the entire world that our free way of life is far preferable to the slave conditions prevailing behind the Iron Curtain."

### IRAN GOING BROKE

Hopes collapsed for settling the Anglo-Iranian oil dispute through the International Bank, when Premier Mossadegh said the plan was unacceptable. Hard pressed financially, the Iranian government recalled 26 diplomats from world capitals because of lack of foreign exchange funds to support them.

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## Congress Told To Get Major Issues Settled

President Truman urged members of Congress to try to subordinate politics on major issues during 1952.

In his State of the Union message, the President remarked that "This will be a presidential election year, the year in which politics plays a large part in our lives, a larger part than usual. That's perfectly proper.

"But we have a great responsibility to conduct our political fights in a manner that does not harm the national interest.

"We can find plenty of things to differ about without destroying our free institutions and without abandoning our bipartisan foreign policy for peace.

"When everything is said and done, all of us, Republicans and Democrats alike, are Americans, and we are all going to sink or swim together."

The Chief Executive said that co-operative action, in spite of an election year, was necessary because the year 1952 is a critical one "in the defense effort of the whole free world."

The President referred to Government corruption charges saying that "Some dishonest people worm themselves into every kind of organization. Such unworthy public servants must be weeded out.

"I intend to see that Federal employes who have been guilty of misconduct are punished for it. I also intend to see to it that the honest and hard-working majority or our Federal employes are protected against partisan slander and malicious attack."

Mr. Truman also suggested that the Congress itself find an effective way "to control campaign expenditures," and protect "the rights of individuals in congressional investigations.

"Congress can do a great deal to strengthen the confidence in our institutions by applying rigorous standards of moral integrity to his own operations," he said.

### KENNAN TO MOSCOW

There's a southpaw on the Reds with a clever move to first. Time and again he's picked the editors of the Daily Worker off the bag. Last week he caught the far speedier editors of Pravda napping. While the official Communist Party newspaper in Moscow was denouncing George F. Kennan as a director of anti-Soviet activities, the Kremlin informed the White House that Mr. Kennan would be acceptable as the new U. S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union. Ambassador Kennan, reputed author of America's "containment" policy against Communist expansion, will take over about February 1.

### OFFER ARBITRATION

The nation's railway conductors appealed directly to Secretary of the Army Frank Pace, Jr. to join with them in agreeing to arbitrate the three-year labor dispute on the railroads. Mr. Pace has been legally responsible for the operation of the nation's railroads ever since they were taken over by the government in August, 1950.

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## President Gives Encouraging Report on State of the Nation

President Truman gave an encouraging report on the State of the Union in his annual message to Congress. However, he warned that the threat to free nations continues, and that the nation and its allies must remain united to meet the danger.

Mr. Truman said that general welfare measures must continue to be enacted, because they "demonstrate to the world the forward movement of our free society."

"This demonstration of the way free men govern themselves has a more powerful influence on the people of the world, on both sides of the Iron Curtain, than all the trick slogans and pie-in-the-sky promises of the Communists," he said.

Among the general welfare measures that must be taken up by the Congress, Mr. Truman said, is improvement of the Taft-Hartley act. It has "many serious and far-reaching defects. A fair law is indispensable to sound labor relations, and to full uninterrupted production."

The President called on Con-

gress, also, to complete the job of rearming the free world against Communist aggression.

"If we falter, we can lose all the gains we have made," he said. "If we drive ahead, with courage and vigor and determination, we can, by the end of 1952, be in a position of much greater security."

"The way will be dangerous for the years ahead, but if we put forth our best efforts this year and next year, we can then be over the hump in our efforts to build strong defenses."

The President said economic conditions are good. "There are 61 million people on the job; wages, farm incomes, and business profits are at high levels. Total production of goods and services in our country has increased 8 per cent over last year — about twice the normal rate of growth.

"We are now in the second year of a three-year program which will double our output of aluminum, increase our electric power supply by 40 per cent, and

increase our steel-making capacity by 15 per cent.

"We can then produce 120 million tons of steel a year, as much as all the rest of the world put together.

"This expansion will mean more jobs and higher standards of living for all of us in the years ahead. It means greater strength for us and for the rest of the free world in the fight for peace."

### EUROPEAN ARMY STUDIED

Ministers of six West European nations began parleys in Paris on the European Army project. Plans call for a 43-division military force as a component of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's Atlantic command. Money issues and the question of a super-national command were reported the big stumbling blocks. The foreign ministers of France, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and West Germany took part in the conferences. Britain is still out of the picture.

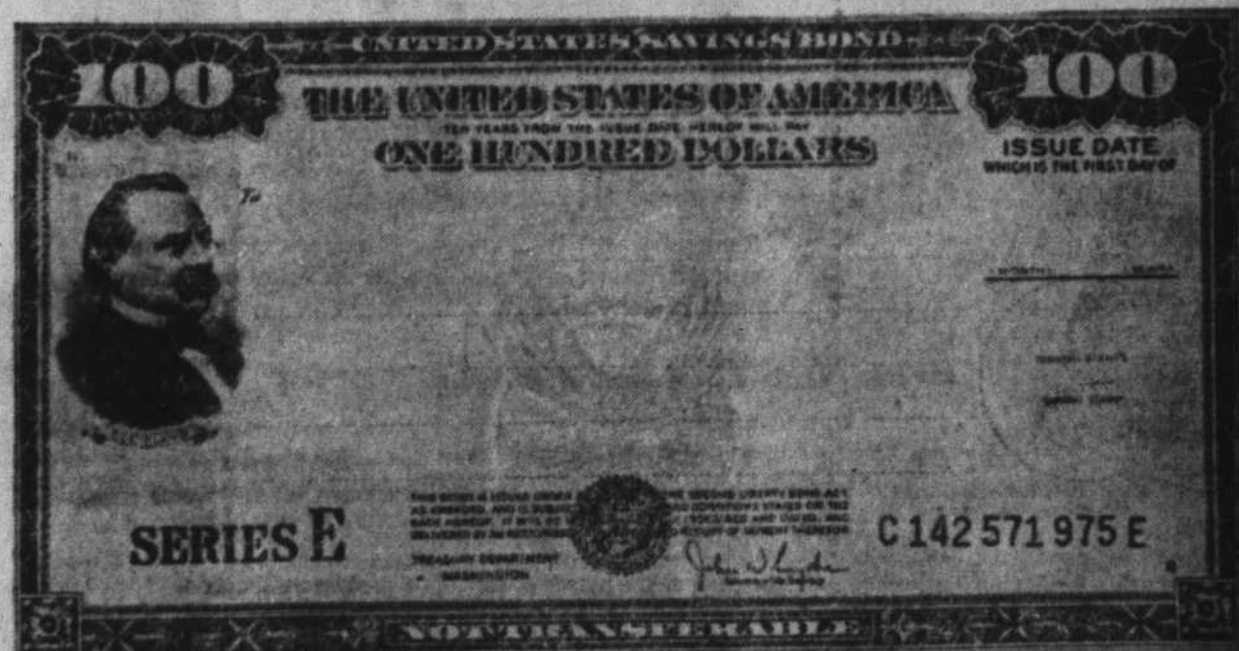
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