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Typographical Conference Meets Here May 24-25

Conference Organized In Charlotte January, 1926

The thirty-second meeting of the Virginia-Carolinas and District of Columbia Typographical Conference will convene in Charlotte Saturday and Sunday, May 24 and 25 at the Hotel Charlotte. Announcements to delegates and visitors have been sent out by Conference Secretary, O. N. Burgess, who reports that several hundred delegates and visitors are expected there next week for the annual Printers' conclave.

The conference was organized in Charlotte in January, 1926, and for several years semi-annual meetings were held, but after the extension of the conference jurisdiction to include the District of Columbia and Maryland several years ago the meetings were cut to one time a year.

Charlotte Typographical Union No. 338 is host to the meeting in Charlotte this year and for several months a special committee has been at work making arrangements for the gathering. Hotel Charlotte has been selected as the convention site and both business and social activities will be conducted there. On Saturday night, the 24th, arrangements call for a dance and floor show in the ball room at the hotel, and the regular business session will get underway Sunday morning at 9:00 o'clock. Mayor Victor Shaw and others will welcome the delegates and visitors to Charlotte. Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock a banquet will be given the delegates and visitors during which time talks will be given by many of those in attendance.

At the business session Sunday morning an official of the International Typographical Union will address the meeting, and also addresses will be given by other speakers.

The Journal will carry a complete program in next week's issue, which will be devoted to the conference session.

Kefauver Lauds U. S. Labor Press

Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee today praised the labor magazines and newspapers of the nation for their campaign to persuade more citizens to register and vote. Senator Kefauver, in a statement, said:

"The American labor press is to be warmly commended for its splendid good-citizenship work this year. Never before has the labor press as a whole done so much to educate the working people of our nation and their families on the tremendous importance of full exercise of the right to vote.

"It has been very noticeable this year that the American people are eager to vote. The huge turnouts for the various primaries throughout the country have been an indication of this strong desire on the part of American citizens to make their voices heard.

"The campaign of the labor press urging citizens to register and vote—a campaign which has been carried on since the beginning of the year and is now being intensified—has certainly been an important factor in persuading more and more Americans to do their duty by going to the polls. Please Turn To Page 4



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Green Cautions Congress Against More Inflation

AFL President William Green called upon Congress to take prompt and strong action to prevent a second and even more dangerous round of price inflation. Because of the "harsh realities" of the Korean war and the constant threat of further Soviet aggression, organized labor will continue to co-operate with the wage stabilization program, Green told the House Banking and Currency Committee at a public hearing.

He warned the lawmakers, however, to reject big business proposals to destroy the tripartite character of the Wage Stabilization Board and to weaken its authority.

Would Wreck Program

"Any change in the composition of the WSB or curtailment of its powers would wreck the wage stabilization program and seriously threaten the successful prosecution of the defense effort," Green testified. "Workers will not permit themselves to be placed into an economic straight-jacket at the very time that suspension of a large sector of price controls is taking place."

Green submitted to the committee facts and figures proving that labor has not profited from the defense program and that the "take-home pay" of workers has deteriorated during this period, due to higher prices and taxes.

He declared: "Workers have made genuine sacrifices as their contribution to the defense effort. They will continue to do so as long as it is necessary. But workers will refuse to make further sacrifices if other groups are not called upon to make equal sacrifices. Workers cannot continue to accept restrictions on their wages unless there is an effective and equitable price and rent stabilization program.

Should Be Stronger

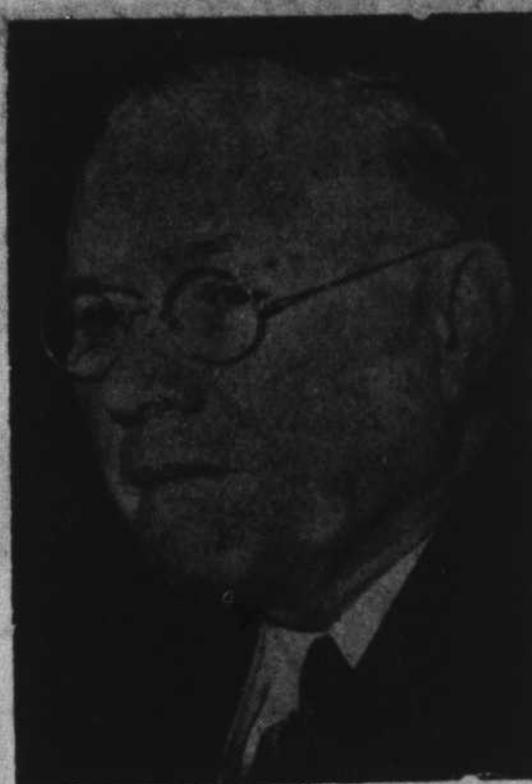
"On behalf of the 8 million

members of the American Federation of Labor, I therefore urge the Congress to do nothing which would further weaken the Defense Production Act. Instead, it should be strengthened in accordance with the recommendations I have made."

Green emphasized that price controls cannot be "turned on and off, like a faucet." He charged that "many families have been priced out of the market" as the result of increases in the cost of living. That accounts for the lower demand for consumers' goods and the high inventories piling up in the stores, he explained. Yet prices still remain high and the prospects are that they will climb even higher, the AFL leader asserted.

"The burden of evidence is overwhelming," he warned the House Committee, "that the pressures of the continuing defense mobilization program are likely to force prices higher during the coming year."

For these reasons, Green recommended that the price control program be extended for another year and strengthened by repeal of the Capehart Amendment, the Herlong Amendment and the Butler-Hope Amendment. He also urged action by Congress to make control of food prices more effective.



FARM BUREAU INSURANCE COMPANY RISES RAPIDLY

COLUMBUS, OHIO—The Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company has joined a select group of some 60 other companies with more than a half-billion dollars of insurance in force, Murray D. Lincoln, president, said today.

"Our in-force business totaled \$500,146,395 on March 31, 1952," Mr. Lincoln said. "That puts us nine months ahead of schedule in our five-year development program."

The company is recognized as one of the fastest-growing life insurance companies in America, having reached its present size in just 16 years.



Are You REGISTERED?

WSB Decisions Involve Carolinians Duke Power Electricians Get Raises

RICHMOND, VA.—Wage decisions involving 5,831 North Carolina employees were announced today by the Fourth Regional Wage Stabilization Board.

An approximate 3 cents hourly increase across-the-board was approved for 4,011 (AFL) electrical workers of the Duke Power Co. of Charlotte. This adjustment, based on an inter-plant inequity claim is retroactive to January 1, 1952.

A total of 1,494 employees of the Carolina Power and Light Co. of Raleigh received one additional paid holiday or a total of six annually, in addition to small wage increases of varying amounts. The Board sanctioned an hourly increase of about 1 1-2 cents for 1,310 non-union workers in all divisions of the company; approved an approximate 3c hourly boost for 92 (AFL) engineers and allowed an approximate 1 1-2 cents increase for 92 (AFL) electrical workers.

The Board approved a progression plan calling for hourly increases ranging from 9 to 11

cents for 69 non-union employees of the P. H. Hanes Knitting Co. of Winston-Salem. Four paid holidays per year were allowed 81 (CIO) textile workers of the Royle and Pilkington Co., Inc. of Hazel wood.

A proposal of the Truitt Manufacturing Co., Greensboro steel fabricating firm, was modified to permit a 5 1-2 cents hourly increase to 94 (AFL) structural iron workers, retroactive to December 1, 1951. The Board denied the company's request to increase annual paid holidays from two to six. An increase in paid holidays from four to six, considered within area practice, was allowed 57 United Transport Service Employees (CIO) of the Robertson Chemical Corp. of Wilmington. The Board turned down, on the basis of excessive area practice, a proposal of the Swift and Co. of Greensboro, to increase paid holidays from four to six, but approved overtime pay at the rate of time and one-half after 8 hours per day for 25 United Transport Service Employees (CIO).