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Labor Should Know These Congressmen

A total of 176 Representatives supported each of the 3 amendments to the Defense Production Act which were opposed most strongly by organized labor and other consumer groups.

Fifty-three Democrats and 123 Republicans backed the Talle (R., Iowa) amendment to end price controls; the Lucas (D., Tex.) amendment to reorganize the Wage Stabilization Board with a majority of public members and to give it only advisory powers; and the Smith (D., Va.) amendment to request the President to force striking steelworkers back into the mills through use of the Taft-Hartley Act.

Here are the names of the members of the House who voted for all three provisions (Democrats in black type, Republicans in light):

ALABAMA—Andrews, Boykin, Grant.

ARIZONA—Patten.

ARKANSAS—Gathings, Norrell.

CALIFORNIA—Allen, Anderson, Bramblett, Hillings, Hunter, Jackson, Johnson, McDonough, Phillips, Poulson, Scudder, Werdell.

COLORADO—Chenoweth, Hill.

CONNECTICUT—Sadlak.

DELAWARE—Boggs.

FLORIDA—Herlong, Rogers.

GEORGIA—Cox, Davis, Forrester, Wheeler, Wood.

IDAHO—Wood.

ILLINOIS—Allen, Arends, Busbey, Chipfield, Church, Hoffman, Jenison, Jonas, Mason, McVey, Reed, Simpson, Springer, Vail, Velde, Vursell.

INDIANA—Adair Halleck, Harvey.

IOWA—Cunningham, Hoeven, LeCompte, Martin, Talle.

KANSAS—Cole, Hope, Ress, Smith.

KENTUCKY—Gregory.

LOUISIANA—Brooks, Larcade, Willis.

MAINE—McIntire.

MARYLAND—Devereux, Mill-

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William Green Tells Democrats Southern Coalition Hurts Party

Democrats Warned Coalition Is
Hurting Labor, Nation, Party

CHICAGO—The American Federation of Labor called upon the Democratic National Convention to purge the Dixiecrats so that the party can make good on its platform pledges. In an outspoken appeal for action, AFL President William Green told the Resolutions Committee that the "irresponsible coalition" of Dixiecrats and reactionary Republicans in Congress "has hurt labor, it has hurt the nation and it has hurt the prestige of the Democratic Party."

In company with a special committee of the AFL Executive Council, Mr. Green presented to the platform makers the same 11 planks which the federation recommended to the Republicans 3 weeks before and which the GOP convention spurned. The other AFL leaders appearing with Mr. Green were Secretary-Treasurer George Meany and Vice Presidents Charles J. MacGowan and William L. McFetridge.

Replace T.H Act

Those planks called for replacement of the Taft-Hartley Act with a new law fair to labor and management alike; for an effective stabilization program; for a strong bipartisan foreign policy, coupled with impregnable national defense; for a billion-dollar program of federal aid to education; for a comprehensive housing program; for reform of the tax laws; for broader social security, with increased benefits and a health insurance system; for a \$1 an hour minimum wage; for strengthening the Labor Department; for the enactment of a federal FEPC law and for action to improve the conditions of government employees.

The conclusion to the statement, however, was especially directed to the Democratic Party and it

constituted a hard-hitting warning against appeasement of the Dixiecrats—a move widely predicted as a step toward unity for the campaign.

In measured tones, Mr. Green told the Democrats:

"Four years ago the Democratic National Convention adopted a clear-cut, progressive platform. Today, after two intervening sessions of Congress under Democratic control, that platform is still, in most respects, a scrap of paper.

"Promise without performance will not indefinitely satisfy the American people. They have a right to expect the government they elect to make good on its pledges.

Stifled Progress

"The fault is only too obvious. A considerable number of members of Congress, who are Democrats in name only, allied themselves with reactionary Republicans to stifle progressive legislation. That irresponsible coalition has hurt labor, it has hurt the nation and it has hurt the prestige of the Democratic Party.

"We feel that the time has come for the Democratic Party to do something about this impossible situation. It is not enough to reiterate promises in the party platform this year. The Democratic Party must be empowered to fulfill its pledges to the people. Otherwise, its friends will begin to ask whether the Democratic Party really is fighting for the welfare of the people.

"There are many progressive, statesmanlike members of Congress from the South. We are not suggesting that punitive action be taken against any Democrat from any section of the country who occasionally strays from the reservation. We are not trying to suppress political independence for the sake of blind party loyalty. That would

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AFL Convention May Invite Ike And Adlai

Both the Democratic and Republican candidates for President may be invited to address the 71st annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, the official call for which has just been issued by President William Green and Secretary-Treasurer George Meany.

The convention opens in New York City on September 15, right in the thick of the national political campaign. It will be held in the grand ballroom of the Commodore Hotel.

Many Back Candidates

It will be up to the delegates at the convention to decide whether the AFL will make a Presidential endorsement this year or abide by the traditional nonpartisan political policy of the federation.

Labor's League for Political Education will hold the annual meeting of its national committee at one of the convention sessions and the political policy of the AFL in the campaign will be shaped at that time.

This is the first New York convention in the AFL's history and it promises to be a big-time affair. Leaders of the AFL are determined to map a stirring program and to bring in the outstanding speakers in the nation.

There are expected to be about 800 delegates in attendance representing more than 8 million AFL members, enrolled in 109 national and international unions.

Delegates To Set Policies

Aside from politics, momentous decisions on many national and international issues face the delegates.

They must decide basic AFL policy for the coming year on such bread-and-butter issues as wage and price controls. They must draft a legislative program for the new Congress that will take office in 1953, including recommendations on housing, social security, health insurance, taxes, civil rights, and federal aid to education.

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