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Southern Labor School To Be Held October 4-9 In Oklahoma City
Atlanta, Georgia. The 1953 session of the Southern AFL Labor School, serving 14 southern states, will be held October 4, through 9 at the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as guest of the University Extension Division, it was decided at a meeting of the executive committee July 22 and 23.



The committee, which met in Oklahoma City, in order to inspect the University of Oklahoma's facilities, planned a well-rounded course of study for the week's session, according to J. L. Rhodes, Regional Director, American Federation of Labor.

Subjects for this year's session of the school will include:

- "Modern Labor History and the Development of Labor Laws."
- "Taxation and Organized Labor."
- "Public Speaking."
- "Collective Bargaining Techniques."
- "Public Relations and Political Action."
- "Special Problems of Organizing Southern Workers."

A flat rate of \$40.00 for board, room and tuition for the 5-day course was decided upon by the committee, with a \$30.00 fee for wives or guests.

In addition to the day classes an evening class will be held Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday of the school, with Monday and Wednesday open for recreation. American Federation of Labor President George Meany and AFL Director of Organization Harry O'Reilly have been invited to address some of the evening classes. An attendance of about 300 is expected.

Attending the executive committee meeting at the Hotel Biltmore, Oklahoma City, were E. H. Williams, Louisiana, President of the School; W. L. Hines, Mississippi, Vice President; Stanton E. Smith, Tennessee, secretary-treasurer; Paul C. Sparks, Texas; and W. E. Allen, Florida. Meeting with them as advisors were John Connors, Washington, D. C., Director of AFL Workers Education Bureau, and J. L. Rhodes, Atlanta, AFL Regional Director.

States participating in the Southern Labor School are Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

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ATLANTA, Ga.—Reading from left to right: Paul Spark, Secretary Texas State Federation of Labor; William E. Allen, Secretary of Florida Federation of Labor; Stanton E. Smith, President Tennessee State Federation of Labor; E. H. Williams, President Louisiana State Federation of Labor; J. B. Freeman, Director Extension Service, University of Oklahoma; John Connors, Director of Workers Education Bureau, American Federation of Labor; W. L. Hines, President Mississippi State Federation of Labor.

The above Executive Committee of the AFL Labor School met at the Extension Division of the University of Oklahoma, for the purpose of setting up the Labor School session in October of this year.

AFL Director Law Rhodes Addresses Southern Workers
By J. L. RHODES, Regional Director, American Federation of Labor
ATLANTA, GA.—Labor Day, 1953 finds the American Federation of Labor enjoying the highest numerical membership in its history. The wages of workers are at top level.

While certain signs of an economic roll-back grows stronger, employment of workers in the majority remains at a very high level. All of these things add up to general prosperity for the workers in America. This is done in spite of the "hard money" policy of the national administration, for it must be remembered that "hard money" policy is good only for the rich or for the person who has money, for when money gets too hard to get it becomes a "hard-to-get" item with the working people.

Barring economic setback that some of our country say is inevitable, the American Federation of Labor and its members approach another year with the possibility of retaining and maintaining a fine standard of living. These things have been accomplished by determination of union men and women throughout America and they must be maintained by the same spirit in order that the American standard of living may be maintained and kept high.

On the other side we want the American Federation of Labor since its founding has maintained a stand against totalitarianism. President Samuel Gompers took an early and firm stand against rotten dictatorship. He fought the Socialists who were the "leftist" in his day. He fought the Anarchist.

The late William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, early in the 20's warned the nation against communism. His Labor Day address of 1923 told of communism's unsound doctrine and warned the American workers to stay clear and free from such connections.

President George Meany, the President of the American Federation of Labor today, has enjoyed world-wide activity against communist aggressives. He has fought their economic unsoundness; he has made it clear to all that America had no place for them. He has kept the American Labor Movement free of any and all entanglements with communists on the world front.

All this adds up to a safe and sound policy for American Labor. It means that American citizens are safer from totalitarianism than they would be if there was no American Federation of Labor. Free American labor must have repeal or drastic amendment to the Taft-Hartley Law, a new form of totalitarianism in America.

I take this method of extending Labor Day Greetings throughout the South to all of our members. May next year bring prosperity and stability to the American Workers, and a growth of the American Federation of Labor in the South which will assure the Southern workers of a sound economic position.

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