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## FOREWORD

The Convention reported in the following pages marked the official organization in California of a CIO Council fully representative of its member Unions.

In these pages are reported the deliberations and debate resulting in a constitution by which affiliated unions are guaranteed a democratic statewide organization.

Through this convention, and the events preceeding it, California CIO has been strengthened and is more capable of meeting the problems which lie ahead.

These Proceedings preserved for your use a record of the work accomplished by delegates at the Convention. It is the official record of a meeting significant in the history of California CIO.

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¶ THE GROUP ATTENDING THIS CONVENTION HAS DEMONSTRATED AGAIN—AS HAVE OTHER GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY—THAT THE AVERAGE AMERICAN WORKERS IS A LOYAL CITIZEN WHO BELIEVES IN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES AND IS OPPOSED TO THE TOTALITARIAN DOCTRINE OF THE COMMUNISTS.

¶ THOSE IN CALIFORNIA WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY THROWN OFF THE DOMINATION OF THOSE WHO ARE SUBSERVIENT TO COMMUNISM DESERVE HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS.

¶ THE NEXT JOB OF CALIFORNIA CIO MEMBERS IS TO WORK OUT—AND CARRY OUT— A PROGRESSIVE PROGRAM WHICH WILL BRING REAL GAINS TO OUR MEMBERS AND REFLECT CREDIT ON OUR ENTIRE ORGANIZATION=

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# CONVENTION ADDRESSES

**IRWIN L. DeSHETLER, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CIO REGIONAL DIRECTOR.**

**Distinguished guests, delegates, and friends of the CIO, it's a pleasure to welcome you to the first convention of the CIO-California Industrial Union Council.**

I am sure that all of you understand the purpose of this convention. You are here to set up the machinery which will henceforth carry out the business of the Congress of Industrial Organizations in California. I am sure that all of you understand why it has become necessary to call such a convention as this one, a convention which will establish a State Council, in spite of the fact that for years a State Council did exist in California.

All of you know, because it has become history, what happened to the former Council. You know that instead of furnishing machinery for the transaction of CIO business it became a machine for the transmission of Communist doctrine.

I would like to remind the Communists that at the conventions of that former Council, in 1946 and again in 1947, I warned that organization that the Congress of Industrial Organizations would not tolerate interference from the Communist Party or any other totalitarian interest. And that warning and the countless other warnings from National CIO, from the conventions of National CIO, and from the unions which actually constituted the organization of the former Council went unheeded.

Instead, it became increasingly clear that the Council did not care what the CIO stood for, or what the membership of CIO wanted. That Council cared for only one thing - - the furtherance of Communist ideology, the opportunity to make use of an ostensibly respectable organization for Communist Party purposes.

And as all of you know, it became increasingly clear that the Council was in fact not a CIO organization, but an anti-CIO organization, and so the long and bitter fight was begun, the fight to return the Council to the rank and file of California.

It has been your fight, and this is your convention, and the new Council will be your Council.

**RICHARD T. LEONARD, NATIONAL CIO REPRESENTATIVE, CONVENTION CHAIRMAN.**

**Director DeShetler, fellow trade unionists, this gathering this morning represents to me - and I am certain it represents to you - a living testimonial of the faith and confidence that working men and women in the State of California have in the great crusade of CIO.**

We are gathered here to effectuate a program that will eventually reflect itself in the best interest of the upwards of 150,000 CIO members in California, and give a great measure of security for those same people who toil for a living.

You are here today because you feel as representatives of your local unions that the prestige status of the great CIO movement has been placed in jeopardy by those forces within the labor movement and without the labor movement who would like to destroy it.

Experience over the past two years in particular - and the records will attest to what I am going to say - - will give full credence to the statement that today we have people who operate under the guise of CIO membership that are doing everything possible to destroy the CIO in order to attain an objective that is inimical to the purposes of this organization.

We have the problem of drafting an entire new constitution. We have numerous resolutions that will be presented by the Committee on Resolutions, which will represent the program for the

## **Richard T. Leonard (Cont.)**

State Council for the coming year, and we have the all-important job of selecting the leadership that will give guidance to the program enunciated here.

So I just want to say in a word that CIO is grateful for the response the local unions and their memberships have given to the appeal that made possible this large convention.

## **ALLAN S. HAYWOOD, CIO VICE-PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF ORGANIZATION**

**Chairman Leonard, officers and delegates to this splendid convention, I know that this gathering is for you a realization of a dream come true. It is to me.**

The movement in California got so bad - anti-CIO, as you know, that it became necessary that the National Office of CIO take cognizance of what was happening.

We are here because the National CIO after much patience, plenty of effort to have people follow trade union practices and the principles of the movement, have got damn tired of trying to deal with people who haven't a mind of their own, who are regimented and who are told what to do, and not by the rank and file either. They are told by the Comintern what to do, and no matter what logic you have on your side, what reason you have, if the Comintern tells them to vote it down, they will vote it down. You can't deal with animals of that kind in the trade union movement. So we have declared in no mistakable terms - - and we mean every word of it - - they are going to get the hell out. We want a free trade union.

They charge to their membership that we took away their autonomy. I'll dare any member of the Longshoremen's union to show one act of ours that took away their autonomy. Of course, if coming out here to help them settle their strike is taking away their autonomy . . . then they are guilty, because they asked us to come out here - and I'll help them again, because you are dealing with a bunch of real workers - the men on the docks. We helped in that strike, and I told Mr. Bridges then I was out here to work with his union, consistent with his union's policies, and not to impose the national will upon them. It was their union. We were out to see to it if we could, that the employers meet with this organization's representatives and negotiate a decent contract with those men and their representatives.

Every union within the CIO has the right to regulate its own affairs without the interference of CIO. That goes for my own, which I am proud to be a member of - the United Steelworkers of America. It goes for the other union I am proud to be a member of - the United Auto Workers. And I am proud to be a member of the United Rubber Workers and the Utility Workers - and I am a dues paying member, too.

It goes for all other unions as well. It goes for my buddies here - the telephone workers, who I am proud to have worked with. They have their autonomy, and you don't hear these unions squawking about the CIO interfering with their autonomy either because they know it's false. It isn't true.

They have tried to divide our people - our whites from our blacks. They have tried to make our colored brothers believe the CIO has let them down. Damn their souls! . . . There isn't any movement in America that has done more for justice for our citizens of dark skin as the CIO has done and is doing. We are the ones who are challenging this discrimination, and there is one place in the South, boys, where brothers sit side by side - and that is in the CIO union hall. Your colored brother sits alongside of you.

He legislates, he runs for office, he takes part in committees, he gets the same wage, the same right to do a job, and promotion as he should have. Through who? The Communist Party? Not by a damn sight. Through the Steelworkers, the Auto Workers and the Rubber Workers and all these other unions.

Today you are making history, setting up a trade union council that is going to serve you. You are going to be loyal with your buddies up and down this country to do what you can to advance the economic interests and civil rights of every man, woman and child, regardless of race, creed or color.

## Allan S. Haywood (Cont.)

Why, as you look back, my friends, in the last 12 years - this movement of ours has brought more real comfort to the working people of America and to the nation than any movement of its kind since the days of Lincoln.

The atomic age is coming. It's here now, and we look for greater things to be brought into industry, and our program is onward and upward. High standard of living, higher wages, more security, more leisure and more opportunity for our kids, and a glorious life for our old age. More hospitals and better homes. That is our program.

If you want leadership that will conform to ordinary trade union policies and practices and go down the line with your buddies, you are welcome in the CIO. But if you want leadership that is run by an outside force, you can have it.

You saw pictures of the parade (in East Berlin) the other day - little kids carrying slogans of hate with blue shirts. Have we forgotten the brown and black shirts? Symbolic! Exactly as Hitler did it. He had the youth. Regiment them. Get them to hate - and the parade of the youth in East Berlin the other day in blue shirts. . . . Kids that know nothing about it - and that's your future Red Fascism. That is Fascism, and to me the Communist Party is a Fascist party. Red Fascism - - blue shirts - - brown shirts and black shirts.

It's regimentation for hate, and the condition of the world today, my friends, can be charged to behind the Iron Curtain. You are in danger. The world is sitting on a powder keg.

I just came back from Puerto Rico. The CIO is there now, my friends, with over 100,000 buddies in Puerto Rico belonging to our movement today. We joined those boys in Puerto Rico. We hope to set a pattern for Latin America everywhere in developing trade unionism and a higher life. We are in the Panama Canal now. . . . Some of your Steel boys here - - Brother (Gilbert) Anaya down there did a splendid job.

We'll have 5000 members right away and we won't stop until we get every man down there, and we determine that our Government shall apply a policy down there to treat those people as Americans and not as a colony. To hell with that 28-cents a day for them. We want a real living wage for them. So we are coming down, Mr. Panama, and we expect union treatment and union wages and conditions for our buddies in the Panama Canal Zone.

We are now meeting with AFL again. President Murray, as you know, sent a letter to John L. Lewis and the Railroad Brothers and told them the time had arrived, in his judgment, when we should be looking at practicing some unity to resist our enemies in Congress and elsewhere, and to answer the cause of labor and if possible to explore the possibility of unity between the two forces.

The Railroads have accepted - most of them. John L. Lewis has accepted, and on Tuesday of this next week your vice-presidents are going to meet in New York to give answer to the communication of the AFL.

We hope to bring about a working unity for these elections so we can get rid of the damnable Taft-Hartley that our comrades like to use against us. We want to get a progressive Congress. We are damn tired of the Dixiecrats and Republocrats. We can only do that by unity on these issues, and we find the AFL, and the Miners and the Railroad men are united against Taft-Hartley. The only one gang for it is the Communist Party. They talk against it, but they use it.

If there is a possibility of developing a sound organic unity, we are going to try to develop an organic unity, too.

The tough guys like the Longshoremen and others - - they are union men. And I mean that about the Longshoremen. I mean that. We have an admiration for those guys. To me, they are like Steelworkers and Auto Workers and Miners. I love to work with them. If ever the need comes again, we will work with them again.

We want them to understand our position. We can not have dual unionism. We cannot have dual authority. We cannot have loyalty to something else more than the movement, so we say to the

## **Allan S. Haywood (Cont.)**

Longshoremen, we are buddies, but we are not going to take the double-crossing of some of your officers. So, when you go home, remember that.

Phil Murray has a great admiration for you. You know how to strike. You are a good, rough bunch, and as union men, we are proud of you, and we believe that with different circumstances you would make a bigger contribution and God knows you have already made a big one.

Now then, elections are coming on out here. November is going to be a crucial period for us in this country. If you think that reaction hasn't got its axe sharpened, you are fooling yourselves. You are not getting anything out of this Congress at all. You are damn lucky it's not getting something worse than what we've got. If it had been left to the Wallaceites, you would have got something worse all right. You know in New York their votes made the difference - Dewey carried New York by that difference. Thank God, you guys in California - you made that difference on our side. But if they had got by, the Taft-Hartley law would have been a picnic in comparison to what they intended to do to you.

They intended to stop national bargaining. They intended to make illegal check-offs and union shops. Now, if you want to preserve your unions, you get out from now on in political action.

Maybe I have rambled here, but I want to tell that I want to see this job finished. I assured Mr. Bridges I would. I want to see you adopt a vigorous policy, and I want to see you work with your buddies in every state in the United States.

I know Phil Murray wanted me to talk to you this way. I wish he was here with you. I say we can go on our knees and thank God that we have got a man like Philip Murray leading us. . .

Are you going to bank on men who give their lives to their movement, or are you going to bank on those damnable upstarts that's got a new formula?

No, you are going to stay with guys that love the movement, work for the movement. You are going to work for the movement likewise, and Phil Murray when he hands the torch over, he will hand it to men like you who are dedicated to serve this movement of ours, and make it better for our country, make it better for the world, and make it better for every man, woman and child everywhere.

Right now in conclusion of my talk, I want to present this institution with the document of authority. I know we have the right to give charters. Some guys have found out we have the right to take them away, too.

We assigned a guy out here to work with you, . . . I am sure he worked with you tolerantly in your Los Angeles situation in spite of the abuse he had to take. I know he's worked tolerantly in this state situation. I want to thank the Auto Workers for giving you Dick Leonard. And, by the way, he comes from the miners, too - came from Ohio where kids were born in strife, struggle and sacrifice.

Right now I am going to present this certificate of authority. And Dick, here's the symbol of authority. You are the guiding light of this Council.

There is one more thing I want to mention. You are doing a good job here. . . . So, God bless you and keep the unions going.

## **JAMES ROOSEVELT, DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR THE GOVERNORSHIP OF CALIFORNIA**

**Mr. Chairman, Dick Leonard, officers and delegates, and friends of the CIO, I am very much privileged to have this opportunity to come and pay you this visit this afternoon.**

I particularly prize the opportunity of thanking you for the endorsement which you have given me. I take it not only as an endorsement of the things which I know we stand for together, but I take it as meaning that the CIO will continue to do what it has in the past, to prove that Democracy can work when the individual members, the citizens of this country are told what the facts are, and given a chance to know the issues fairly and squarely. You have done that job in the past.

## **James Roosevelt (Cont.)**

I think you are well aware that after seven years of the present administration that many forces that are entrenched intend to stay that way if there is anything that they can do to defeat the program which we have proposed and will continue to propose to the people of our state. We know that in order to accomplish that program in its entirety, or even to put across a majority of the things that we know need to be done, we shall incur the enmity and the bitter opposition of those people represented by the high-paid lobbyists in Sacramento who have throttled progressive legislation in this state for almost seven years.

We cannot get full employment unless we have water and power in sufficient quantities, and at low enough prices to attract new industry into California.

That means not only the completion of the Central Valley project at the earliest possible moment, but it means the development of the undeveloped two-thirds of the water reservoirs of our state. You know who will get that development. You know that every effort will be made to say that it's socialism when we propose that the state move into that development, and yet from the history of the past, from the history of other states, we know that that is the only way that we will get cheap and adequate amounts of water power.

I feel that all we have to do is to look upon the national scene and see how insidious is every attack made by these special groups, and as long as the State of California is not lined up on the local level in the same way that it voted on the national level, we have lost one of the very effective spear points towards supporting the welfare program in Washington, D. C.

At the same time we are talking about things on the national basis, there are some things that perhaps we could inaugurate on the state basis and show that they are practical and so that they can be adopted on a national basis, and I particularly am talking about a somewhat controversial subject known to some people as a Public Health Plan, known to the propagandists as socialized medicine.

. . . today our citizens in many walks of industrial life are inefficient - - at least they are nowhere near one hundred percent of human efficiency, and if our economic system is to compete in this world, then our citizens, our working men and women, must be as nearly one hundred percent efficient as possible. That is why I intend to work for a Public Health plan, a prepaid medical program of insurance in which everybody must contribute and must share in order that the cost of it shall be low enough for even the lowest income groups to participate in it without depriving themselves of the other necessities and American standards to which they are entitled. Within that plan shall be preserved your freedom to choose your own doctor, your right to choose your own hospital, the doctors and the medical profession's right to run the professional side of their business; but I insist that the Government has an obligation to see to it that every penny collected from the citizens in order to finance such a program, shall be administered as a public trust, and not allowed to line the pockets of any individuals for private profit.

To you, the members of the CIO, delegates to this fine meeting, may I in all sincerity, pledge to you the fullest cooperation, pledge to you the desire on my part not today, but every hour of the day and night in which I am privileged to be a public servant, may I pledge to you that I want your help, that I shall seek your advice and your judgement, and that I shall pay careful attention to what you say, for I know that you represent the average man and woman that I believe must be served in the Government of the State of California.

## **HELEN GAHAGAN DOUGLAS, CONGRESSWOMAN AND CANDIDATE FOR THE U. S. SENATE**

**Thank you, Richard Leonard, officers and friends of the great CIO.**

This has been a good race this year, and a very important one for the people of California. Not that every race isn't important. In a Government such as ours where the people hold the

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final power of Government in their hands, and where they determine what policy they wish to follow at election time, what programs they wish to endorse, it's always vitally important to their well-being as to the kind of men and women in whom they place their trust, because you realize that in Washington or in the State Legislature we are not casting our votes - - we are casting your votes. Some people are a little bit confused about that once in a while. But, nevertheless, it is not my vote that I am casting as a representative of the Fourteenth District, but I am casting the vote of between 250,000 and 300,000 men and women in that district. I am casting votes that affect their community, their standard of living, their ability to earn a job, to keep their business, to young men the opportunity whether or not the opportunity will be there so that he or she can own their own business, whether or not we are going to have violent ups and downs in the economy, rising to peaks of inflation and followed by disastrous periods of deflation and depression, all of this is voted upon by those to whom you give the power of your vote. Your security - - whether or not we will have peace or those conditions that will end in the destruction of this world also.

I believe we can build a peace. I don't think it's an easy job. I don't think it's a quick job, but I think it can be done. I think it must be done if there is to be any tomorrow, because I do not believe anyone can win in another war, and I agree with the great statement that General Marshall made the other day when he said, "Wherever an international forum remains in the world we must be the first to come and the last to leave. Wherever there is a council table in the world we again must be the first to come and the last to leave." No one can win in another war. Force never again can be used to settle the differences between men because it will settle nothing except end the future of all of us, but we don't have peace just by saying we are for peace. Everybody's for peace. What are we willing to sacrifice for it? I believe that we have to continue with the kind of programs that we are undertaking now around the world and generally expand them. I believe that we, as one of the leading nations in the world, have to help build those economic conditions in the world that will permit men to live together and contain them reasonably in the years to come. This means supporting the United Nations. This means an extension of the Marshall Plan. This means the Point Four program to carry on from where the Marshall Plan will leave off in the underdeveloped areas of the world. This means a strong reciprocal agreement program. We have to trade with the other peoples of the world. And this doesn't mean selling to them all the time. We have to buy back from them if we are going to have a trade program that will permit peace in the world. This means that we must recognize the basic difference between all forms of totalitarianism in the world and democracy.

Our great strength flows out of this freedom that has been ours. America doesn't speak with one voice, whether it come from the universities or the churches or wherever. The great voice of America starts in the hills and the valleys and the farmhouse and in the shop and the mill, and the low-cost housing program, and in the house on the hill, and gradually it's a murmur that starts and it flows and it flows and flows, and grows until there is a great voice calling out, speaking the mind of America. Any time you begin to suppress that voice anywhere along the line, we have lost the thing that has made us what we are. Democracy can only rest on the shoulders of many men who are able to disagree with one another violently and know that they will not be hounded for the fact that they disagreed.

The Committee on Un-American Activities I voted against when we were one of 12 - - I voted against the appropriation for that Committee ever since I have been in Congress and I was opposed to it ever since I went into Congress, and if I were alone in the country I would still vote against it.

I don't believe in trial by headlines where those who do the trying are covered by Congressional immunity, where men and women are never to know of what they are accused, but where their names are blasted across the front pages of every newspaper in the country. This is a violation of our belief that every man should have his day in court, judged by a jury of his peers. I don't believe this turns the Committee of Un-American Activities or any other committee of Congress into a super detective agency. I believe we have the Justice Department for

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that, and the FBI for that, and I repeat, I don't believe in giving to that body that makes the laws the power to, within this year or the years ahead, rule out objection to those laws.

No, my friends, if we are to be jockeyed into a state of hysteria, a state of fear where we can't vote our convictions, where we can't act the way we know it's in our best interests to act, we have been licked in this fight between Communism and Democracy already in the world.

And I don't happen to believe that one has to give up freedom to have bread and security, and I happen to believe that in the under-developed areas of the world where starvation today is a reality there are disease and poverty-ridden men and women and children that these people are restless and are going to move forward, and I think if we want a free world where people can be independent, gloriously independent, we are going to have to give some help to the world. And I don't think we are going to be able to give that help unless our own people here at home are working, are prosperous, have confidence in one another and courage and hope in the future, and I believe that the program to enable us to have that condition physically and morally and mentally, is best served by the democratic platform, not by fifty percent of it, not by seventy-five percent of it, mind you, but a hundred percent. It's no good, fifty percent of it, and it won't work sixty percent of it.

I am sick and tired of in the Senate where California is concerned, not having someone who is fighting an honest, clean straight fight that is sincere right down the line. California must have water and power. We must have plentiful water and power, at low rates. That is what will keep people working in this state. That is what will give the people in this state courage to stay with those programs in the world that we have to stay with if there is to be a future for our children, and we've got to have the kind of representation in the Senate that will speak for those programs.

The water that we let waste away hour after hour, week after week, and year after year, doesn't seem like very much. Wasting away, wasting away, into the sea, or flooding over the lands, but when we have people with vision who build the dams, then suddenly here's this great power, the power that will enable us to build a home so that every family can have a decent home. The power that will give us the force we need so that new industry will come in, so there will be enough jobs to go around and good wages. The wealth that we need to expand our educational facilities and a social security program that will cover every man and woman, not just some of them. The help we need: to have a health program where every child and every mother and every father can have medicine when they need it. Here it is all dammed up now, and yet somebody fought the building of these dams. That was the first fight, just to get the dams built. Then the second fight was to get the hydro-electric plants built on the dams. Now, the next fight is to get the transmission line built so we can get the power down to where the people are so the farmers and the businessmen from there can benefit from it, and we continue the fight, of course, to build.

What is true of natural resources is true of human resources. The hopes and dreams and the ideas that we let waste away for want of vision, for want of understanding, for want of the knowledge of what it is that gives us strength, from what do we draw our force? Men turn, of course, to states to answer their problems when there seems no other way.

It's a great challenge before us. I don't think it's been the kind of challenge that's been rightly put. I think that we can show the world by example, not by hating other people, but by example, that people can live decently, they can have enough food, they can have enough medicine. There is enough opportunity for all men to live decently, and they can afford freedom too.

I believe that reaction and those who speak for reaction would bring about the very programs that would leave men to despair, that causes the spread of those ideologies which we find reactionary and abhorrent in this country. I believe the one way we can see that we remain a great democratic people is to see that we send administrations to speak for us at the state

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level and at the national level who speak for all people and not for special groups of people within our society.

The only concern I have is that we can't reach enough people. We don't have the means to reach enough people. We don't have the means to tell a story, all of us. That is the only thing we have to fear, and that is why I was such a strong supporter of trade unionism. I would support trade unionism if I never had the support of trade union members because I believe that trade unionism is the greatest bulwark we have to see to it that we keep economic democracy, and we won't have political democracy insured unless we keep economic democracy in this country.

So I told my story, and now I wait to hear the voice from California. I hope it will be a loud voice. I hope it will be a clear voice. I hope it will be a voice that will say to the rest of the country, "Florida wasn't talking for the rest of the United States."

I despise these little men that would stampede us into a state of fear hysteria, to in turn stampede us into a program of reaction that will mean destruction for all of us. I despise them and I'm not afraid of them and you're not afraid of them, and let's go out and get a vote that will ring around this country that will tell the people of America and the people of the world that California is a state that is going forward, to a better life for all men here at home and abroad in the world. Thank you

## **DARRELL SMITH, ASSISTANT NATIONAL PAC DIRECTOR.**

Brother Chairman, fellow officers, fellow CIO members, this must be some speech I am going to make. I can hardly wait to hear it myself.

As you probably can guess, as I travel around over the country I am constantly being asked, "Well, how is California?" That seems to be about the chief interest of the people who are not strictly occupied with tight, hot contests in their own states. They want to know how California is because this is a crucial year in California. This is a crucial year for the United States. This is a crucial year for our people as you can well know, and as business well knows; as business very well is proving by the money that it is spending these days in political contests throughout the country. The money that poured into the campaign against Claude Pepper in Florida was something beyond any parallel or any precedent in American political history, and while I am mentioning the campaign of Pepper down there - - some of the newspapers tried to make that a defeat for the CIO. Let me tell you, my friends, it was not. With less than 5,000 CIO members in Florida we registered 92,000 new voters. That is not a defeat and those voters are going to continue to vote in future elections.

On every front, in fact every conceivable front, business is now organizing for the 1950 elections. Just a month ago at the American Manufacturers' Association they made a little contract with the American Dry Goods Association, for department stores in putting out their anti-labor propaganda, and their anti-liberal program in 1950. You will find every time you pay your department store bill you will receive a notice from them and there will be a little slip of paper in there giving you the same N. A. M. propaganda.

More recently than that an association formed of the Real Estate Association, the Insurance Association, the Committee on Constitutional Government, and the N. A. M., of course. This Committee was set up presumably to limit the federal taxing power. This is what they called it, the Committee to Limit Federal Taxing Powers, and because taxation and deficit spending are going to be such a vital issue in 1950, it's just as well for us here, who are studying these matters, for our rank and file, that we give a little bit of concern to that issue.

You know and I know that they don't pay taxes. Our people pay the taxes. They pay it in everything they buy, in every hour's work they do. There is where the taxes come from. They come

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out from the spread between the cost and the sale price of every commodity that is on the market. So what business is doing is yelling its head off for the reduction of taxes and the reduction of deficit spending. We know it's not because they are interested in taxes as it is they are interested in cutting the government service. They are interested in reducing the services that Government is performing for the people.

I want to tell you about an experience I had a couple of years ago, I was in Philadelphia. I noticed in the morning paper that the Advertising Club of Philadelphia was to meet in the hotel where I was eating luncheon. There was to be a speech that was to come from the representative of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association, and his subject, of all things, was that of Social Security . . . Well, the title of his speech should have been Social Insecurity because that is exactly what he proposed. He stood up and said that security was not good for America. Too much security would be bad for America. It was insecurity which had driven the people across the mountains, had pioneered the west. It was insecurity that had built our great railroads, had developed our great natural resources. . . . What that man was preaching was insecurity and he made it a matter of cold figures. Not once in his whole speech did he even give any recognition to the fact that he was talking about people, with families, with debts and children to send to school, people with little roof over their heads, little food on the table.

I want to tell you, my friends, that that man was not an exception. That is the way businessmen talk to themselves when they get into the economics of our national economy, and we might just as well learn and we might just as well keep it in our minds constantly that our business opponents in politics do not want security for our people . . . so there can be no let-up on our fight . . . to secure those benefits for our people.

Now, let's get to California. California is on the spot this year. You might as well know it. I haven't been hiding it from you. You are on the spot for several reasons. One reason I think is very important. If you fail to win your elections in California this year it will not just be failing to accomplish something progressive. You will have lost something because the Senator that you do have in there, at least we had his votes with Taft-Hartley and Social Security and some of those measures. He may not be perfect, but we had his vote on some measures. Unless you succeed in electing a successor to him of the type of Helen Gahagan Douglas you are not even going to have that.

We have seven Congressmen from California that have absolutely no business holding those seats down there. No business, absolutely.

Oh, there are more than that I would like to see you remove, but there are seven in there only because somebody neglected their job because they are not from Republican districts. They are from Democratic districts. That is Huber Stutter in the First, John Allen in the Seventh, Thomas Ordell in the Eleventh, Ernest Bradwell in the Eleventh, Richard Nixon in the Twelfth, Norris Poulson in the Thirteenth, Donald Jackson in the Sixteenth. I am going to tell you about those seven men.

It just so happens that the Wood Bill which was the Taft-Hartley substitute would have been defeated with a switch of seven votes, and every one of those Congressmen was present and voted against us. These seven Congressmen prevented the defeat of the Wood Bill and as you know the votes were so close in the subsequent motions that if we had a switch of seven votes we probably would have repealed the Taft-Hartley Act in the lower house of Congress, and here are seven men who voted against us who had absolutely no business being there.

I want to say that I am tremendously encouraged by the good registration that you got here in California. I believe and we hope that it does show a little different trend to that which prevailed in 1948. I hope that each of you, as you have been attending this convention, have had in the back of your minds the thing that you are going to do first when you get back home. . . . I hope that even now you are thinking what is it that I must do as soon as I get home and change clothes? Who do I have to reach? Who do I have to check up on? Who do I have to get hold of to fan out and get these people active and busy? My God, anticipate it, keep it in the

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back of your mind. Keep it uppermost in your mind throughout the remainder of this convention, what it is you have to do when you get back.

Let me tell you - - I was talking to one of my pals this morning. He was asking about the elections throughout the country. I told him that I believed that if California could carry the primaries for Helen Douglas by a very wide margin, it would go very very far to upset the low morale resulting from Pepper's defeat. I believe we can carry Helen Douglas by a wide majority over her opponent in California.

I want to express my appreciation to your officers here. I want to express my appreciation to you folks too. I think you are a bunch of swell people and so I appreciate it from the bottom of my heart. I hope to see you again some day, and bye for now.

## **HARRY MARTIN, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN NEWSPAPER GUILD AND LABOR INFORMATION DIRECTOR AND LABOR ADVISOR OF THE ECONOMIC COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION.**

I bring you the greetings and good wishes of the 25,000 members of the American Newspaper Guild. It is my privilege also to bring to you the cordial salutations of the little handful of CIO representatives who are trying to represent you abroad in the conduct of the American aid program for the war-devastated nations of Europe. Both these groups have occasion to rejoice over your action here these historic days in bringing into being a California Industrial Union Council that can truly speak for all the CIO workers of this great state rather than for a mere vociferous and generally obnoxious minority . . .

I want to report to you this morning, as briefly as possible, on the European Recovery Program in which you have made a great investment both as citizens of the United States and as members of the CIO. Some two years ago or more, when plans for American help to war-torn Europe were still in the formative stages, your government called upon representatives of CIO, of AFL and of the Railroad Brotherhoods to participate in the planning, and later in the administration of the program.

From the beginning, we have striven to see that the needs and the rights of the working classes get full and proper consideration in the functioning of ERP at every level. All things considered, I think that striving has met with a remarkable degree of response. It is naturally true that ECA has worked more successfully in some countries than it has in others, that the workers in some participating nations fare better than the workers of the less fortunate countries. But, by and large, from the standpoint of labor both at home and abroad, we honestly feel today that the program has worked well, that it has been operated in the best possible interests of the workers and that it is now entering a new stage in which the improvements in conditions will make themselves manifest in the lives of the people as a whole in ways that hitherto have not always been obvious. There is indeed every reason to feel that this, the American government's first attempt to bring American Labor into the inner counsels and the responsible executive direction of an overseas program of any magnitude at all, has brought results to which all of us in Labor can point with pardonable satisfaction.

At this midway point in the recovery program, with two years behind us and barely two more years to go, we have been taking stock with the leaders of European Labor on the results that have been achieved thus far and on the goals that remain ahead to be attained. We have found that the recovery program is well ahead of schedule. Conceived as a post-war program of self-help for Europe, one in which we Americans would become partners to the extent of supplying the necessary dollars that exist nowhere else, ERP was intended to place on the road to health the industry, the trade, the transport and the agriculture of the participating countries. This objective, this restoration of the four major aspects of the economy, either has been accomplished or such strides have been made that ultimate achievement is a foregone conclusion for the final year, 1952.

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Let us not forget, however, that these record-breaking recovery figures may deceive us into a false sense of a job that is finished. We must remember that this new industrial and agricultural output is pouring into a vacuum created by the decade of wartime diversion into the machinery of combat, a decade in which reserve stocks were exhausted without being replaced in the area of civilian consumer goods. We must remember, too, that a vast portion of this new production is going into restoring factories, business houses and transportation facilities, of necessity, rather than into the open markets for use of the people as consumers. And, finally, we have to recall that free Europe's population has been greatly increased by the tremendous flood of refugees from the Iron Curtain countries, a veritable tidal wave of disillusioned and miserable humanity driven from the homelands by the sweeping tyranny of the so-called new "people's democracies."

One of our most successful projects has been that known as the Technical Assistance Program in which workers, industrialists and technicians have come to the United States to discover our own methods for creating the comparatively high standards of living in existence here today. They have taken home with them not only a great deal of technical know-how, but they have gone back to tell the truth about America to their own people and to nail once and for all the continuing Communist propaganda to the effect that America is a slave state dominated by the monsters of Wall Street. These first-hand reports by Europeans to Europeans, at every level from top management to machine operator, have done more to expose and defeat the Russian assault upon the mind of free Europe than everything else put together.

Ironically, the rout of Communism in Western Europe was not set forth as one of the original aims of the Marshall Plan. In the beginning, Secretary of State Marshall made his generous proposal of help to all the devastated countries of Europe, Russia included. But the Kremlin chose to refuse, to turn away from the helping hand - - even before the actual nature of the help had been shaped by Congress. This splitting of the world into hostile camps came as a direct consequence of the subsequent maneuverings by that power-mad clique of crimson dictators in the Kremlin. It is an unexpected by-product of the Marshall Plan, therefore, that has come to us in the undoing of the Russian design for Western Europe, in the continuing setbacks that the Communists are suffering throughout the continent. Everywhere this side of the Iron Curtain, in Labor circles and in public affairs alike, the Reds have taken defeat after defeat the past year.

I wish there could be time to tell you something about our Labor Information program specifically, about the new techniques we have had to devise to meet the Communist propaganda head-on and turn it back. This, too, has been a field of experimentation, of pioneering, for America abroad. In many of the countries, we have been able to employ all the usual devices for reaching people: movies, radio, newspapers, etc. But we have discovered vast areas in some countries in which the workers cannot afford to buy a newspaper, to own a radio, to see a movie - - areas in which the Communists give him a daily newspaper - - and we have had to find new ways of getting across to such workers the truth about the Marshall Plan, about America and about the Communist menace to freedom and to peace. This has been a tough nut to crack, but I do feel that we have made encouraging headway. . . .

With the passing of each day - - and particularly since the recent highly successful mission of Secretary of State Acheson to London - - our partnership for mutual defense with free Europe grows stronger, and the possibilities for peace grow greater. Fate has forced our country, young and inexperienced though it may be in world affairs, to accept the place of leadership among the free peoples of the earth. The world looks to us today for help, for inspiration, for guidance, for strength. Like it or not, we have no choice. We cannot - - we must not - - fail to rise to the challenge of these troubled times. For if America fails, humanity fails - - and civilization as we know it, the free society of men who walk the earth erect in dignity and in honor and in security and in peace will perish from the face of this earth.

I must repeat, we cannot, we must not - - with God's guidance, we shall not fail!

# CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 1950

## Morning Session

The delegates were called to order at 10:25 a.m. by acting chairman Irwin L. DeShetler, Southern California CIO Regional Director.

Chairman DeShetler presented Philip O'Rourke, American Radio Association, who led the delegates in the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner".

Welcoming remarks were made by Chairman DeShetler, a digest of which appears in the section on Convention Addresses, page 10.

Chairman DeShetler presented Long Beach Councilman Herbert Klockseim, a representative of Mayor Chace of Long Beach, who welcomed the delegates to the City of Long Beach.

Councilman Klockseim presented a key to the city to Chairman DeShetler for the Convention.

Chairman DeShetler presented the permanent chairman of the Convention, Richard T. Leonard, National CIO representative.

Chairman Leonard made an opening address, a digest of which appears in the section on Convention Addresses, pages 10 and 11.

Chairman Leonard presented the Very Reverend Msgr. Patrick J. Dignan, of the St Agnes Church, who pronounced the invocation.

Chairman Leonard declared the first Constitutional Convention of the CIO-California Industrial Union Council in order, and called upon William Kircher, UAW international representative, Acting Secretary for the Convention to read the Call for the Convention.

Acting Secretary Kircher read the Convention Call and letter supplementing the original Call. M/S/C to adopt the Call.

A list of Convention Committee Chairmen and members was read. M/S/C to approve composition of the Convention Committee.

Chairman Leonard named C. V. O'Halloran, UAW regional director; Jerome Posner, ACWA Los Angeles Joint Board Manager; Charles Armin, OWIU district director; Charles Smith, USA district director and Floyd Gartrell, URWA district director to proceed to Hotel Wilton, Convention Headquarters, to escort Allan S. Haywood, CIO vice-president and director of organization, to the Convention platform.

Brother Anthony Ramuglia, TWUA, Chairman of the Rules and Order Committee, read the rules of the Convention. M/S/C unanimously to adopt.

M/S/C to dismiss the Committee on Rules and Order with the thanks of the Convention.

Chairman Leonard read a telegram of greetings and congratulations to the delegates of the Convention from Philip Murray, CIO president. The text of the telegram appears on Page

Chairman Leonard introduced CIO Vice-President Haywood, who spoke to the Convention. A digest of his talk appears in the section on Convention Addresses, pages 11, 12 and 13.

At the conclusion of his talk, Brother Haywood presented the official charter of the CIO-California Industrial Union Council to Chairman Leonard.

Chairman Leonard presented a delegate's badge to Brother Haywood.

Albert T. Lunceford, Greater Los Angeles CIO Council, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, read a resolution on Brother Haywood. M/S/C to adopt the resolution, which appears on page 46.

The session recessed to reconvene at 2 p.m. that afternoon.

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**Afternoon Session**

The Convention was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Chairman Leonard.

Secretary Kircher read greetings from the Government and Civic Workers Organizing Committee, Alabama State Industrial Union Council, National Maritime Union of America, Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, Wisconsin State Industrial Union Council, Louisiana State Industrial Union Council, Oil Workers International Union, American Trade Union Council for Histadrut, United Rubber, Cork, Linoleum and Plastic Workers of America, Missouri State Industrial Union Council, International Woodworkers of America, United Shoe Workers of America, Michigan CIO Council, Utah State Industrial Union Council, CIO West Virginia Industrial Union Council, Oregon State Industrial Union Council, Maurice F. McElligott, Illinois State Industrial Union Council.

James Stanton, UPWA, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, presented a partial report which was read by Margaret White, ANG, Secretary of the Committee. M/S/C to adopt the partial report.

John A. Despol, USA, Chairman of the Constitution Committee, began the reading of the initial draft of the Constitution, with the part dealing with election of officers, in accordance with a request made by the Committee of Rules. The Constitution, separately bound, is enclosed with the Proceedings for reference.

M/S/C to adopt Article 5, Section 1.

M/S/C to adopt Article 5, Section 2.

M/S/C to adopt Article 5, Section 3.

M/S/C to adopt Article 5, Sections 4, 5, 6, and 7.

M/S to adopt Article 8, Section 3.

Harold Doyle, UAW Local 134, on a point of clarification, said he believed the Executive Committee could be composed exclusively from at least four of the largest affiliated unions, asked if such were the intent.

Brother Despol, Clarence Stinson, Greater Los Angeles CIO Council, L. H. Michener, UAW 406 and Morris Zusman, California National CIO-PAC participated in a discussion on the point of clarification, following which it was M/S/C to adopt Article 8, Section 3.

James Roosevelt, Democratic Party candidate for Governor, was introduced and addressed the Convention. His remarks appear in abridged form in the section on Convention Addresses, pages 13 and 14.

George Miller, Jr., Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor; Edmund G. Brown, Democratic candidate for Attorney General; Clyde Doyle, Democratic Congressman, 18th District; and Glenn Anderson, Democratic candidate for State Senator, all were introduced and made brief remarks.

Brother Despol resumed reading of Constitution proposals.

M/S/C to adopt Article 4, Section 4.

M/S/C to adopt Article 9, Section 1, paragraph "a".

M/S to adopt Article 9, Section 1, paragraph "b".

Charles D. Steele, USA 1414, moved to amend to add after the words "Communist Party," the words, "Ku Klux Klan." Brother Despol advised the Constitution Committee would accede to the amendment without the necessity of a motion.

Henry S. Utrecht, ILWU 13, spoke against the entire section, which bars from office Communists, Fascists, members of Ku Klux Klan or other totalitarian movement, on the grounds it interfered with local autonomy.

Gerald J. Conway, USA 3941, spoke in favor of the Committee's recommendation.

Zula Ferguson, ANG 69, moved that the provision be recommitted to the Committee because she felt it was too loosely worded.

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The motion to refer was defeated.

M/S/C to adopt Article 9, Section 1, paragraph "b".

M/S to adopt Article 9, Section 2 making term of office two years.

A delegate spoke against the provision, protesting it would lead to building of political machines.

James Carbray, USA 2018, spoke in favor of the provision.

M/S/C to adopt Article 9, Section 2.

M/S to adopt Article 9, Sections 3, 4 and 5.

Charles Bioletti, UAW 923, asked if the Constitution Committee was proposing that the President and Secretary-Treasurer be elected or nominated separately or together.

Chairman Leonard answered, "together".

M/S/C to adopt Article 9, Sections 3, 4 and 5.

Secretary Kircher announced times for international caucuses and the time for Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union Label drive drawing for a free suit.

M/S/C to adopt Article 9, Section 6.

M/S/C to adopt Article 9, Sections 7 and 8.

M/S/C to adopt Article 9, Section 9, paragraphs "a" through "f".

M/S to adopt Article 9, Section 9, paragraphs "g" and "h".

William Lawrence, ILWU 13, asked if the Executive Board would have the power to elect someone other than the person picked by an international union to sit on the board, if a name was submitted by an international subsequent to the convention.

Brother Despol answered that the Executive Board could not pick somebody else on its own initiative.

M/S/C to adopt Article 9, Section 9, paragraphs "g" and "h".

M/S/C to adopt the preamble to the Constitution.

M/S/C to adopt Article 1, Section 1.

M/S/C to adopt Article 2, Section 1.

M/S/C to adopt Article 2, Section 2.

M/S/C to adopt Article 2, Section 3.

M/S to adopt Article 3, Section 1.

Lloyd H. Ferber, USA 1304, said article doesn't specify whether it must be full or token affiliation.

Brother Despol replied intent of provision was that local unions pay on same number of members as they paid to their international, national union, or national organizing committee.

M/S/C to adopt Article 3, Section 1.

M/S/C to adopt Article 4, Section 1.

M/S to adopt Article 6, Section 1.

Brother Stinson, Greater Los Angeles CIO Council, spoke against the proposition, stating there should be two full time officers, and suggesting addition of President of the Council as a full-time paid legislative officer.

Paul Schrade, UAW 887, spoke against the provision and in favor of designating the President as a full-time officer, and moved that the provision be referred back to committee.

Chairman Leonard ruled Brother Schrade's motion out of order on grounds he spoke first, then made a motion.

Rex Mainord, UAW 808, asked a point of information on correct parliamentary procedure.

Chairman Leonard explained proper motion would be one to refer back to committee.

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Brother Mainord M/ to refer.

Chairman Leonard explained motion to refer not debatable.

Brother O'Halloran protested Chairman had heard two speakers against provision, none for it.

Chairman Leonard explained nothing he could do but entertain motion, without debate.

Brother Lawrence, on a point of order, declared motion to refer was debatable.

Brother Conway said persons in favor of the proposed constitutional section should be able to speak for it; those against it already had spoken.

Chairman Leonard suggested to Brother Mainord that he withdraw his motion to refer until others had a chance to speak on the subject, on the condition he be given the floor again to re-make the motion.

Brother Mainord accepted on that condition.

Brother Conway spoke in favor of the Committee's recommendation stating financial condition of new Council uncertain, and new Council should not be obligated to pay for two full-time officers.

Brother O'Halloran spoke in favor of Committee's recommendation, stating he would not object to full-time President, but Council faces certain expenditures which would make it financially difficult.

Eugene Judd, UAW 216, spoke against the Committee's recommendation.

Brother Despol said on behalf of the Committee that it was their feeling Executive Board has full authority to make the President a full-time officer if money available, but because of uncertainty of financial situation, felt the question could not be properly determined.

Paul Jacobs, OWIU 547, spoke in favor of the Committee's recommendation.

William Gillespie, UAW 683, member of the Constitutional Committee, spoke in favor of the Committee's recommendation, declaring subject could not be discussed sensibly until clause on per capita tax settled, and said he was sure Committee would not object to full-time President, if funds available. Suggested provision be sent back to Committee to provide that President become full-time if and when funds available, and the Executive Board see fit.

Harry Stillman, TWUA 99, supported Brother Gillespie's suggestion.

Edward L. Snyder, UAW 255, spoke in favor of a full-time President.

Brother Posner spoke in favor of the Committee's recommendation, pointing out new Council faces such problems as getting affiliations, and getting well organized, which must come first.

K. F. Catton, UAW 406, suggested clause should be referred back to committee until clause on Per Capita and Finance settled.

Brother Mainord M/ to refer.

Chairman Leonard declared motion defeated on voice vote.

After objections from floor, Chairman Leonard asked for show of hands. Motion to refer carried.

Chairman Leonard introduced Ernest Debs, Los Angeles City Councilman and candidate for the Board of Equalization, who made a brief talk.

Brother Despol again took up Constitution provisions.

M/S/C to adopt Article 6, Section 2.

M/S to adopt Article 7, Section 1.

Brother Lawrence spoke against the Committee's recommendation on ground Brother Despol

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suggested deletion of phrase "subject to the approval of the Executive Board".

Brother Despol answered that the suggested deletion was an error as he read the wrong draft copy, and language cited by Brother Lawrence belongs in the provision.

M/S/C to adopt Article 7, Section 1.

M/S/C to adopt Article 8, Section 1.

M/S to adopt Article 8, Section 2.

Ivan R. Suddeth, UAW 514, asked about the question of regularly scheduled meetings for the Executive Board.

Brother Despol answered the Committee wanted to leave meetings flexible.

Brother Suddeth said he thought Constitution should set regular meeting times in order to allow members to plan to attend.

Chairman Leonard said the Chairman of the Constitutional Committee agreed to have the provision referred back to Committee to take question of meeting time under advisement.

M/S/C to adopt Article 8, Section 5.

M/S/C to adopt Article 8, Section 6.

M/S to adopt Article 8, Sections 7 and 8.

Brother Lawrence spoke in favor of the sections.

E. A. Davis, IUMSWA 9, objected to phrase "reasonable amount of time" as too loose.

Brother Despol corrected the article to read "not less than 10 days."

M/S/C to adopt Article 8, Sections 7 and 8, as corrected.

M/S/C to adopt Article 8, Section 9.

M/S/C to adopt Article 8, Section 10.

M/S/C to adopt Article 9, Section 10.

M/S to adopt Article 10, Sections 1 through 5.

Harry Appleton, UAW 179, protested raising of per capita from four to five cents, stating his local had instructed him not to raise expenses.

George J. Costigan, URWA 43, objected to provision because of per capita raise.

Brother Stinson spoke in favor of the Committee's recommendation, stating expenses of operating organizations much higher than they were in 1940, and that we had to face that fact.

William Axelrod, Newsvendors 75, spoke in favor of Committee's recommendation.

Victor Colbary, IUMSWA 9, asked if section 5 meant that Executive Board could arbitrarily levy an assessment against a local union.

Chairman Leonard replied "obviously no." Brother Leonard then spoke in favor of the Committee's recommendation, saying that a Council could not be operated this day and age on four cents per capita.

M/S/C to adopt Article 10, Sections 1 through 5.

M/S/C to adopt Article 10, Sections 6 through 9.

M/S to adopt Article 10, Sections 10, 11 and 12.

Saville V. Beard, UAW 255, suggested unions should be fined if they become delinquent.

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Logan A. Crowe, UAW 148, asked what the Executive Board would consider an unusual and exceptional case which would allow restoration to good standing of an organization without payment of back per capita in full.

Brother Despol explained strikes, lockouts, temporary dissolutions of locals and such would constitute unusual and exceptional cases.

M/S/C to adopt Article 10, Sections 10, 11 and 12.

M/S/C to adopt Article 11, Sections 1, 2 and 3.

M/S/C to adopt Article 11, Section 4.

M/S/C to adopt Article 11, Sections 5 through 8.

M/S/C to adopt Article 11, Sections 9 and 10.

M/S/C to adopt Article 11, Section 11.

M/S to adopt Article 11, Sections 12 through 15.

Harold Doyle, UWUA 134, questioned if provision barring proxies would prevent filling of vacancy on Board due to a member's death.

Chairman Leonard explained that in case of death, member would have to be replaced, barring of proxies had nothing to do with it.

M/S/C to adopt Article 11, Sections 12 through 15.

M/S/C to adopt Article 11, Section 16.

M/S/C to adopt Article 11, Sections 17 and 18.

M/S/C to adopt Article 11, Section 19.

M/S to adopt Article 11, Sections 20 and 21.

C. E. Clift, UWUA 132, objected to a discrepancy between the per capita paid by a local chartered for less than 12 months, and the number of delegates it would be allowed.

Brother Despol suggested the Committee would withdraw the section and draft new language.

Brother Lawrence asked for clarification of section 21-b.

Brother Despol explained voting strength for a local affiliated less than a year but in existence more than a year would be determined by their total per capita payments, divided by 12.

Chairman Leonard pointed out motion was to adopt, with understanding Section 11 would be written to conform.

M/S/C to adopt Article 11, Sections 20 and 21.

M/S/C to adopt Article 11, Section 22.

M/S/C to adopt Article 11, Section 23.

M/S/C to adopt Article 11, Section 24.

M/S/C to adopt Article 12, Sections 1 and 2.

Chairman Leonard named the five largest international unions affiliated as Steel, Auto, Rubber, Oil and Telephone, pointed out they were entitled to two Executive Board members.

L. R. Waterman, UWUA 132, asked how matter of eligibility would be determined, particularly in respect to Communistic activities.

Chairman Leonard said he had been informed by Chairman of Constitutional Committee that, any CIO member whose local union is affiliated may file charges against a Board Member, and that the trial committee will be selected from and by the Executive Board.

Secretary Kircher announced caucus schedules.

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**Afternoon Session (Cont.)**

The Convention was recessed until 9:30 a.m. the following day.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 1950**

**Morning Session**

The Convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Leonard.

Brother DeShetler read greetings from Delaware State Industrial Union Council, American Radio Association, International Union of United Brewery, Flour, Cereal, Soft Drink and Distillery Workers of America, Communications Workers of America, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, Local 208 American Newspaper Guild (Reno.)

Brother Stanton presented Sister White who read a partial report of the Credentials Committee. M/S/C to adopt partial report.

Brother Lunceford read a resolution submitted by the CIO United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Workers, Local Industrial Union 78.

M/S to adopt the resolution.

Brother Lawrence, on a point of order, asked if delegates were to be furnished with copies of the resolution. Chairman Leonard said resolution copies were being distributed by sergeants-at-arm.

Chairman Leonard asked that delegates give resolution serious consideration, pointing out it called for financial and moral support to "fruit tramps", and told of FTA collaboration with employers in their attempts to wreck the CIO fruit-tramps union.

Brother Michener requested that Convention record show ILWU, and particularly Brother Lawrence, received a copy of the resolution.

Brother Utrecht, ILWU, spoke against resolution, charging it sanctioned raiding.

Lum Moorehead, FFVW 78, spoke for the resolution, told of specific incidents of FTA-employer collaboration, pointed out how FTA and employers were attempting to keep workers split, and restore FTA domination.

Brother Lawrence, ILWU, spoke against the resolution, claiming it reflected "certain policies adopted in the last National CIO convention."

Brother Stillman, TWUA, spoke for the resolution, asked Brother Lawrence if the ILWU would return the shops it raided from Textile in view of his speech against raiding.

Ann Tinnon, FFVW 78, spoke for the resolution, pointed out fruit-tramps joined CIO in the first place, in 1937, and not FTA. Workers not being asked to join CIO, but to stay in CIO.

Call for the previous question M/S/C

M/S/C to adopt resolution on Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Workers. See page 46 for text of resolution.

M/S/C unanimously to adopt a resolution on Philip Murray, page 46.

M/S to adopt resolution on California Department of Employment.

James E. Murray, CWA 61, spoke for the resolution, presented proof of collaboration between Department of Employment and employers when a telephone strike was imminent.

Brother Colbary, IUMSWA, cited unemployment figures, and unemployment compensation insurance figures, called for a stronger resolution.

Brother Lunceford pointed out resolution deals with a specific, not general, problem.

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**Morning Session (Cont.)**

Previous question M/S/C.

M/S/C to adopt resolution on California Department of Employment, see page 47.

M/S to adopt a resolution supporting Newsvendors in strike against Mirror.

Brother Axelrod, Newsvendors 75, spoke for the resolution, told the story of the strike and gave a report on the financial empire of the Chandler family, anti-labor owners of the tabloid.

Ben Nathanson, ANG 69, endorsed the resolution on behalf of the Newspaper Guild.

Brother DeShetler spoke for the resolution, urged delegates to see that all members of their locals discontinue purchase of the Mirror. Asked sergeant-at-arms to collect voluntary donations for the Newsvendors from the delegates.

Brother Lawrence spoke for the resolution, said Longshoremen have had lots of experience with Chandler family, which is hooked up with the big four in shipping.

Tim Flynn, USA 4028, spoke for the resolution, accused ILWU spokesman of double-talk when voicing support for Newsvendors, pointed out old State CIO Council - supported mainly by ILWU dues money - instituted suit in the capitalistic courts against the Newsvendors during the strike.

Carl M. Walter, ILWU 13, protested criticism leveled at ILWU.

Previous question M/S/C.

M/S/C to adopt resolution on Mirror strike, page 48.

Chairman Leonard presented Brother Jacobs, chairman of the Committee on Publicity and Education, who announced he had two resolutions to read, one on Summer School, the other on Education and Research.

M/S to adopt resolution on Summer School.

Brother Mainord, UAW 808, spoke in favor of resolution on Summer School.

Brother Stillman, TWUA 99, spoke in favor of resolution, but suggested CIO should develop own materials and teaching and not lean on other institutions, pointed out CIO has had sad experiences with such institutions as the California Labor School.

Brother Jacobs stated CIO generally in favor of developing own schools, pointed out University of California is supported by public taxes and labor has as much right to use its facilities as management groups. CIO tells university what kind of program it wants, and the professors it wants; educational programs conducted in cooperation with university by CIO, not by university.

Charles Schafer, Newsvendors 75, spoke in favor of the resolution, said unions must educate members, as employers will if not.

M/S/C to adopt resolution on Summer School, page 48.

M/S to adopt resolution on Education and Research.

Edward L. Snyder, UAW 255, spoke in favor of resolution, stated new, young members coming into unions must be taught what unionism means.

M/S/C to adopt resolution on Education and Research, page 48.

Brother Lunceford read resolution on Industrial Safety and Health.

M/S to adopt resolution.

Charles Bioletti, UAW 923, spoke in favor of the resolution, suggested it be strengthened to insist upon improved protection for the workers.

Brother Crowe spoke in favor of the resolution.

Harold O. Gipe, UAW 148, spoke in favor of the resolution, said we must elect good assemblymen in order to get a better budget for enforcement of safety laws.

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Walter McLogan, UAW 809, spoke in favor of the resolution, suggested labor movement push for a better method of compensation.

William E. Bluhm, ILWU 13, spoke in favor of resolution, suggested safety codes should become part of the contract.

M/S/C to adopt resolution on Industrial Health and Safety, page

Chairman Leonard announced donations for Newsvendors amounted to \$351, thanked delegates for the Newsvendors.

Chairman Leonard presented George Roberts, Western States Regional Director, National CIO-PAC.

Brother Roberts made a brief talk emphasizing PAC, told of growing unity in labor movement on political front.

Chairman Leonard presented Darrell Smith, Assistant Director, National CIO-PAC. A digest of Brother Smith's remarks will be found in the section on Convention Addresses, pages 17, 18, 19.

Chairman Leonard introduced a delegation of trade unionists from the American Sector of Berlin, Germany.

Chairman Leonard declared nominations open for officers of Council, called for nominations for President.

Arnold Campo, USA 1835, nominated Manuel Dias, UAW 76, for President.

Lewis J. Carrasco, USA 1845, seconded nomination of Brother Dias.

Clarence Curt, UAW 76, seconded nomination of Brother Dias.

Anthony Rios, USA 2018, seconded nomination of Brother Dias on behalf of entire delegation of Steelworkers.

There were no further nominations.

Brother Dias made a short talk in accepting the nomination.

Chairman Leonard called for nominations for the office of Secretary-Treasurer.

Jack F. Woods, USA 1440, nominated John A. Despol, USA 2018, for Secretary-Treasurer.

Brother Lunceford seconded the nomination of Brother Despol.

David Bickmore, OWIU 128, seconded the nomination of Brother Despol.

Robert Clark, USA 2058, seconded nomination of Brother Despol on behalf of all Steelworkers delegates.

A delegate from USA 2018, seconded nomination of Brother Despol on behalf of Local 2018.

Woodrow Redo, USA 2172, seconded the nomination of Brother Despol.

David D. Walton, USA 2869, seconded nomination on behalf of 30 delegates, and 3000 members at Kaiser Steel.

There were no further nominations.

Brother Despol made a short talk in accepting the nomination.

Brother Conway moved that the Secretary of the Convention enter into the records of the Convention a unanimous vote for Brothers Despol and Dias for Secretary-Treasurer and President.

Brother Posner raised the point that elections are set for the afternoon session and many delegates wishing to vote may not be present.

Chairman Leonard suggested vote of acclamation be postponed until afternoon session, and suggestion accepted by Brother Conway.

Chairman Leonard called for nominations for Executive Board members.

Philip P. McDonnell, UAW 509, nominated DeWitt Stone, UAW.

Edward E. Parkos, UAW 887, nominated E. J. Franklin, UAW.

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Leonard Levy, Amalgamated-Retail, said ACWA unanimously supported Jerome Posner for the nomination.

Marie A. DeMartini, CWA 35, nominated Ralph Horn and Manuel F. Silva, CWA.

Brother Nuckels, UFWA 262, nominated Tony Scardotti, UFWA.

Brother White, Post Office Workers, nominated himself as only delegate present from Government and Civic Workers Organizing Committee.

Luther Pepper, Lithographers, nominated Ted Brandt, Lithographers.

William Bluhm, ILWU 13, said there was no nomination from ILWU.

Charles Avard, NMU, nominated Max McLarin, NMU.

Carl Welti, ANG 95, nominated Sam Eubanks, ANG.

Harlan L. Savage, OWIU 128, nominated Courtland P. Myers, OWIU.

Ray R. Carson, OWIU 326, nominated A. A. Marcus, OWIU.

Dick Arthur, UPWA District Council Five, nominated John Slevin, UPWA.

Philip O'Rourke, ARA, nominated himself as only delegate present from ARA.

R. E. Harris, URWA 44, nominated A. M. Platt and Herbert H. Wilson, URWA.

K. C. Beight, USA 1414, nominated Joe Angelo and Robert Clark, USA.

Harry Stillman, TWUA 99, nominated James McKenna, TWUA.

Transport Workers made no nomination.

Harold Doyle, UWUA 134, nominated Everett Scott, UWUA.

Tom Platt, IWA 1370, nominated Joe Clark, IWA.

William Axelrod, Newsvendors 75, nominated Lum Moorehead, FFVW 78, for Local Industrial Unions.

Pete Himmel, IUMSWA 9, nominated Vic Colbary, IUMSWA.

The Convention was recessed until 3 p.m.

**Afternoon Session**

Chairman Leonard called the Convention to order at 3 p.m.

The Rev. H. Randolph Moore, St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Los Angeles, delivered the invocation.

Chairman Leonard named the following to escort Helen Gahagan Douglas to the Convention platform: George Douglass, Albert Lunceford, Clarence Stinson, Robert Clark, William Campbell, John A. Despol, Manuel Dias, Victor Moore, Rex Mainord, Gerald Conway, Morris Zusman, Marie DeMartini, William Axelrod, Sam Flood, E. J. Franklin, Irwin L. DeShetler, Tim Flynn, Joe Clark, Jerome Posner, Glenn Willis, Joseph Deardorff, Harold Shapiro, Floyd Gartrell, Harry Stillman, Sam Eubanks, George Roberts and Darrell Smith.

Chairman Leonard presented Dr. Arthur W. Watwood, candidate for State Treasurer, who spoke a few words.

Chairman Leonard introduced Helen Gahagan Douglas, whose speech appears in abridged form in the section on Convention addresses, pages 14, 15, 16 and 17.

M/S/C that the Convention go on record extending an honorary membership in CIO to Helen Gahagan Douglas, and that incoming officers be instructed to draw up the proper and appropriate certificate for presentation to Mrs. Douglas.

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David Walton, USA 2869, introduced Mrs. Katherine Floyd, Secretary of the local, who presented a bouquet of flowers on behalf of Local 2869 to Mrs. Douglas.

Brother Stanton gave the final report of the Credentials Committee.

M/S/C to accept report.

M/S/C to dismiss the Credentials Committee with a vote of thanks.

Brother Lunceford read a resolution on Civil Rights.

M/S to adopt resolution.

Lewis Gibbon, UAW 645, spoke in favor of the resolution, asked for inclusion of a paragraph against Loyalty Oaths. Committee agreed to add.

M/S/C to adopt resolution on Civil Rights, page 49.

M/S to adopt a resolution on Housing.

John Ruzek, UAW 179, spoke for resolution, asked for inclusion of paragraph stating support of stronger rent controls. Committee agreed to include.

M/S/C to adopt resolution on Housing, page 50.

M/S to adopt resolution on Union Busting.

Brother Jacobs spoke in favor of resolution, exposed leaflet distributed by ILWU attacking OWIU officers outside gates of a Standard Oil Refinery just before OWIU faced election there. Oil Workers beef is not with rank-and-file of ILWU, but with leadership of ILWU which caused leaflet attacking OWIU to be written and distributed, Brother Jacobs said.

Brother Lawrence, ILWU 13, read a copy of the leaflet.

Brother Despol stated that anyone with an ounce of trade union sense knows the net effect of putting out the leaflet was an attempt to destroy the faith of the Oil Workers voting in that election in CIO.

Bernie Robella, ILWU 13, claimed leadership of ILWU doesn't dare tell rank-and-file what to do, that they come to rank-and-file with recommendation, and rank-and-file determines what to do.

Brother Flynn spoke for the resolution, charged leaflet read by Brother Lawrence contained "typical Communist lie" when it said members of Woodworkers Union forced their international president to withdraw from Trial Committee conducting hearings on ILWU. IWA President Fadling withdrew because phoney charges had been filed against him by the second vice-president of the ILWU. Timing of leaflet - day before election - exposes its true purpose. "All of this phoney stuff is Communist inspired," Brother Flynn said.

Brother Abar, NMU, spoke for the resolution.

J. Finocchio, UWUA 132, spoke for the resolution.

Call for previous question M/S/C.

M/S/C to adopt the resolution on Union Busting, page 51.

Brother Lawrence, ILWU 13, said that all Local 13 delegation wished to be recorded as voting against the resolution.

M/S to adopt resolution on Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Workers, No. 2.

Brother Robello, ILWU, spoke against resolution.

Lloyd H. Ferber, USA 1304, spoke for the resolution.

A delegate from FFWW 78, spoke for the resolution, emphasized rank-and-file fruit tramps want to stay in CIO and "nobody has any idea how Commie-dominated FTA is."

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Paul W. Schlipf, UAW 76, spoke against resolution, said he believed workers wanted to stay in FTA, and that was indicated by fact they voted for FTA a year ago in Salinas area to beat off raid by AFL teamsters.

Acting Chairman DeShetler pointed out election was between FTA-CIO and Teamsters - - not FTA, but CIO.

Brother Moorehead, FFVW 78, spoke for resolution, said he has been fruit tramp 16 years and his father was a fruit tramp before him. CIO threw out FTA, and fruit-tramps will throw out FTA, too. FTA is sleeping in bed with the bosses. Asked delegates to buy buttons supporting FFVW-CIO.

Brother Carbray, USA 2018, spoke for the resolution, pointed out Jack Montgomery, now with FTA, had been kicked out of UAW, and that "the only people that are salvaging the efforts and services of Jack Montgomery are those people who would control elements of the labor movement for political purposes only, for the Communist Party."

Brother Dias, UAW 76, spoke for resolution, stated Brother Schlipf does not represent feeling of Local 76, pointed out Brother Schlipf had been on payroll of old State CIO Council until about a year ago. Said he had known Jack Montgomery for a long time - had to suspend him from Local 76 in 1942 for non-payment of dues.

Brother Appleton, UAW 179, spoke on the resolution as a recent member of CIO.

Brother Gillespie, UAW 683, spoke for the resolution, pointed out Donald Henderson, FTA president, was an acknowledged member of the Communist Party, said that he had heard Jack Montgomery admit membership in the Communist Party, and charged that Mike Shapiro and James Daugherty, FTA organizers, were consistent followers of Communist policies.

Previous question M/S/C.

M/S/C to adopt resolution on Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Workers, page 52.

Acting Chairman DeShetler announced Harold Shapiro, IUMSWA, wanted delegates to know he was not the Shapiro that was mentioned in discussion.

Chairman Leonard named the following to escort Harry Martin, ANG President, to Convention platform the next day: Sam Eubanks, Henry Santiestevan, Tim Flynn, Irwin L. DeShetler and Gerald Conway.

Chairman Leonard expressed appreciation of National CIO and CIO Regional Office for services rendered by the office girls during the Convention.

Brother Lunceford read resolution on Colorado River Water.

M/S to adopt resolution.

Brother Lawrence said if anybody accused of shutting off Colorado River water, ILWU did not want to be accused of it.

M/S/C to adopt resolution on Colorado River Water, page 52.

M/S to adopt resolution on Union Label.

Brother Levy, ACWA, spoke in favor of the resolution, asked everyone to be sure that clothes they purchase are union-made.

Chairman Leonard spoke for resolution, stressed importance of union label, pointed out Mayor Bowron of Los Angeles and Mayor Chace of Long Beach had designated week of June 3 as Union Label Week.

Delegates stood to show their unanimous support of resolution and intent to buy only union label clothing. See page 53 for text of resolution.

Jack Holmes, ACWA, in charge of Union Label drive, spoke a few words emphasizing importance of campaign.

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Sylvia Yuster, LIU 1729, drew number 40 as winning number for new suit of clothes in Union Label drawing.

Brother Holmes announced number 40 was held by Robert Brown, ANG, who was awarded the new suit.

Chairman Leonard presented Chairman of the Constitution Committee.

Brother Despol read Committee's recommendation for Article 11, Section 11, paragraph "c".

M/S/C to adopt Article 11, Section 11, paragraph "c".

M/S/C to add following sentence to Article 9, Section 9, paragraph four of sub-section "h": "The Executive Board may then accept a properly qualified nomination and elect the nominee as a Board member to fill the vacancy on the Executive Board."

M/S/C to adopt the following Constitutional Committee statement of policy on question of two full-time officers:

"We are unanimous in our opinion that the recommendation made to the Convention that there be only one paid administrative officer is sound and meets the circumstances and conditions of the organization we are establishing at this time. We recommend, however, that the incoming Executive Board of the new State Council consider the question after six months and decide whether a full-time president is financially possible at that time."

Chairman Leonard spoke in favor of the recommendation, said the 19-man advisory Committee for the Council appointed by President Murray had discussed it at great length and it was consensus of opinion money not available for two officers, and that a six-month wait was advisable.

Brother Stinson said that he was at the meeting of advisory committee and was in concurrence with recommendation.

Brother Mainord, UAW 808, spoke against recommendation stating he felt two full-time officers necessary to carry out duties of Council.

Brother Carbray, USA 2018, spoke for the recommendation.

Brother Despol commented Constitution Committee felt full-time president highly desirable, and only problem involved was a budgetary one.

Previous question M/S/C.

M/S/C to adopt statement of policy.

M/S/C to adopt Article 6, Section 1.

M/S/C to adopt Article 6, Sections 3 and 4.

M/S/C to adopt Constitution as adopted by sections in whole.

M by Conway (USA) /S/C that President, Secretary-Treasurer and the 19 Executive Board members be elected by acclamation.

William Bluhm, ILWU 13, stated that for the record, ILWU Local 13 abstained from voting.

Brother Conway, USA, said that at the Santa Cruz Convention, 1947, he had been presented a plaque which read, "This Machine Out of Order," signed by Harry Bridges. Brother Conway presented the plaque to Brother Lawrence, saying he had written on it, "This is returned to the original and rightful owner, Harry Bridges, through the good offices of his loyal stooge, Bill Lawrence."

Brother Martinez, IUMSWA 9, asked that it be entered into the record that Brother Colbary represents Marine Shipbuilders Workers of America as well as Railroad Workers, affiliated to IUMSWA, as an Executive Board member.

Brother Lawrence, ILWU, replied to Brother Conway's presentation talk, stating he would

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treasure the plaque. Brother Lawrence claimed he did not take orders from anybody, and had sworn under oath he was not a member of the Communist Party, added that he thought the officials of the Soviet Union "just as guilty of sabre-rattling as anybody else." Accepted plaque in spirit of presentation, promised that if pendulum swings other way he would make another presentation at another time.

Brother Conway said he would be there to accept it if pendulum did swing.

Convention recessed at 6:15 p.m.

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**Morning Session**

Chairman Leonard called the Convention to order at 9:45 a.m., and the delegates rose and gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Leonard presented Brother Lunceford, who read a resolution against the Mundt-Nixon Bill.

M/S to adopt resolution.

L. R. Waterman, UWUA 132, spoke for the resolution, read a statement that civil rights, if freedom is to have any meaning, are indivisible, and civil rights of Communists must be protected.

Harold Shapiro, IUMSWA 9, spoke for the resolution, stressing that Mundt-Nixon Bill is out of line with basic Constitutional Rights.

Charles Abar, NMU, spoke for the resolution.

Tim Flynn, USA 4028, spoke for the resolution, charged that statement read by Brother Waterman was "typical double-talk of Communist Party." Communists using our civil rights and freedoms "in the despicable attempt to destroy those rights and freedoms and enslave all of us as they have enslaved tens of millions in eastern Europe and in Asia."

Brother Lawrence, ILWU 13, spoke for the resolution, stating "I have no brief for Communism. I don't give a damn whether the Communists live or die," but "I will defend a man's right to be a Communist if he wants to be one."

Preston C. Hill, ILWU 13, spoke for the resolution, suggested Council work with everyone that is fighting the bill, and send a telegram to Senator Lucas asking him to keep bill off the floor.

Leonard Levy, ACWA 55, spoke for the resolution, told how Communist Party persecuted Trotskyists of Minneapolis under the Smith Act.

Clem Lewis, UWUA 1420, spoke for the resolution, added that Brother Waterman is one of remnants of a group of extreme leftists most of whom have been cleaned out of the Utility Workers, and did not express opinions of rank-and-file.

Previous question M/S/C.

M/S/C to adopt resolution on the Mundt-Nixon bill, page 53.

M/S to adopt resolution on Political Action.

Chairman Leonard presented Morris Zusman, ACWA 278.

Brother Zusman spoke for the resolution, emphasized the practical political action problems faced by CIO-PAC in 1950.

Irvin L. Davis, USA 2018, spoke in favor of the resolution.

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Sim Huff, UAW 230, spoke in favor of the resolution.

Brother Despol spoke for the resolution, stressed the importance of contributing financially to PAC.

George Roberts, Western Region PAC Director, spoke for the resolution, emphasized the importance of electing legislators who will not need to be begged not to pass bills that will hurt the American people.

David D. Walton, USA 2869, spoke for the resolution, pointed out his local at Kaiser Steel Mills, Fontana is in San Bernardino County and asked for consideration of their separate financial problem because of fact they are not in same county as Greater Los Angeles CIO County, to which they are affiliated.

Brother Lunceford assured Brother Walton that a portion of any money raised by Fontana Local can be retained by them for political action work.

Paul Schlipf, UAW 76, spoke for the resolution but thought it was a little too optimistic.

Brother Posner, ACWA, spoke for the resolution, pointed out political action was directed until 1948 by Brother Schlipf, and that he was among those who supported Third Party which ran candidates against progressive, pro-labor candidates in several districts.

Al Capp, IWA 13-370, spoke for the resolution.

Gavin Jones, USA 2869, moved the previous question.

Previous question M/S/C.

M/S/C to adopt resolution on Political Action, page 54.

Chairman Leonard introduced Harry Martin, President of the American Newspaper Guild, who addressed the Convention. A digest of his remarks may be found in the section on Convention Addresses, pages 19 and 20.

Brother Waterman, UWUA 132, on a point of information asked if it would be proper to bring up some critical remarks on E.C.A.

Brother Leonard ruled it would not be proper at this time.

Secretary Kircher read a letter from CIO Vice-President Haywood, congratulating the California National CIO-PAC, declaring it dissolved and its functions turned over to the CIO-California Industrial Union Council.

Brother Despol commented on the letter from Brother Haywood, pointing out that establishment of California CIO Political Action Committee in June, 1948, provided instrumentality which brought about this Convention and establishment of new Council. Expressed accord with the letter, and said it was "proper and fitting that the California CIO-PAC becomes a part of the State Council as it properly belongs."

Brother Lunceford read a resolution on the California National CIO-PAC.

M/S to adopt resolution.

Chairman Leonard thanked the officers of the California CIO-PAC "for a job well done."

Brother Posner, spoke for the resolution, and praised the activity of Brother Zusman for California CIO-PAC, and his fight over the past 35 years in Amalgamated Clothing Workers, and 14 years in California for sound trade-union policies.

Chairman Leonard added Brother Posner's remarks about Brother Zusman expressed his point of view, also.

M/S/C to adopt resolution on California National CIO-PAC, page 57.

Chairman Leonard announced the time had come to install officers, thanked delegates for their fine cooperation with the Chairman.

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Motion by Brother Posner that the Convention give special thanks to Brother Leonard for his leadership and work.

Acting Chairman DeShetler called for a rising vote.

M/S/C unanimously to give Chairman Leonard special thanks.

Chairman Leonard asked delegates to stand as he installed officers by having them repeat the oath of office after him.

Chairman Leonard presented new Council President Dias.

President Dias expressed his thanks, requested that Brother Leonard be allowed to Chair the Convention to its conclusion, and returned the gavel to him.

Secretary Despol made some announcements and thanked Brother Kircher for handling the Secretaryship during the Convention. Brother Despol then read a telegram from David J. MacDonald, Secretary-Treasurer of the United Steelworkers of America and a letter from Vice-President Allan Haywood. He then thanked the Advisory Committee, Director Zusman, and the voluntary officers of the CIO-PAC Committee for their work which led to establishment of the Council.

Brother Jacobs moved the Convention adjourn for lunch, return at 2 p.m. to continue in session until 4 or 4:30 p.m., with a limitation of three minutes on speakers.

Brother Posner amended to continue until 2 p.m. to finish and then adjourn.

Brother Lawrence said the ILWU delegations has presented five resolutions to the Convention, and expressed hope Convention would continue in session long enough to hear some of them.

Amendment to the motion was defeated.

M/S/C to adjourn until 2 p.m.

**Afternoon Session**

Chairman Leonard called the Convention to order at 2:10 p.m.

Brother Lunceford read a resolution on the CIO News, California edition, endorsing it, calling for its support, and naming it official organ of the CIO-California Industrial Union Council.

M/S to adopt resolution.

Sam Eubanks, ANG, spoke for the resolution on behalf of the Newspaper Guild delegation, stressed complete support for commendation of the CIO News, California edition, added that the paper has been an indispensable arm to the CIO in California, and that it was an indispensable arm for the future.

Harlan L. Savage, OWIU 128, spoke for the resolution, urged local unions to take action to subscribe to the paper for their entire membership.

Joe Angelo, USA 3367, spoke for the resolution, stressed the great need for an official CIO newspaper in the State of California.

Brother Gillespie, UAW 683, spoke in favor of the resolution, pointing out the CIO in California needs a newspaper to combat the propaganda of the Communist publications such as the People's World and the Labor Herald.

Previous question M/S/C.

M/S/C to adopt resolution on the CIO News, page 57.

M/S to adopt resolution on Packinghouse Workers.

John Slevin, UPWA 12, spoke for the resolution, stated that 1800 out of 2000 workers support

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the Packinghouse Workers in Alaskan cannery industry, rapped ILWU for their cooperation with FTA against the Packinghouse Workers.

Brother Lawrence, ILWU, spoke against the resolution, admitted ILWU had granted a charter to a group of workers in what was once FTA Local 7.

Brother Flynn, USA, spoke for the resolution, said ILWU had sent up picket lines in an attempt to keep workers who want to stay in CIO off their jobs, charged Brother Lawrence with jumping from the anti-Communist to the pro-Communist side in ILWU when he was put on the ILWU payroll in 1945.

Brother Lawrence accused Brother Flynn of "lying in his teeth" when he made remarks about Brother Lawrence.

Brother Flynn, on a point of personal privilege, invited Brother Lawrence to step outside the Convention hall if he desired to call him a liar.

Brother Michener, UAW 406, spoke for the resolution.

Ray A. Cabanilla, UPWA 77, spoke for the resolution, stated that if ILWU was really interested in sincere labor organization for all workers, they would not endorse the leadership of corrupt officials, and that it was disheartening to know that rank-and-file of Longshoremen are not aware of the facts involved; urged support for resolution of Local 77, UPWA, because it was beginning of a real CIO union in the Pacific Northwest; said, "these cannery workers are CIO conscious. They are not Communist-conscious workers."

Previous question M/Robert Goss, OWIU /S/C.

M/S/C to adopt resolution on Packinghouse Workers, page 58.

M/S to adopt resolution on Legislative Program.

Brother Watterman, UWUA 132, spoke against point number 20 - adequate appropriations for the Economic Cooperation Administration, claimed Marshall Plan was a failure.

Joseph A. Anderson, UWUA 132, spoke for the resolution, charged Brother Watterman was a discredited member of Local 132, and a follower of the Communist Party line.

Preston C. Hill, ILWU 13, spoke against the Marshall Plan provision, claimed a conservative businessman from Long Beach had written articles charging failure of the Plan.

Bual C. Autry, USA 2869, moved the previous question/S/C

M/S/C to adopt resolution on Legislative Program, page 59.

M/S to recommend non-concurrence on a resolution on Autonomy.

Brother Lawrence spoke against the recommendation not to adopt.

Brother Zusman spoke for the recommendation, stating it was not a question of autonomy but one of supporting National CIO policy after a majority had decided upon that policy.

Brother Utrecht, ILWU 13, spoke against the recommendation, stating ILWU demands the right to follow its own policies.

Brother Jacobs, OWIU, spoke for the recommendation.

Joseph E. Doherty, USA 1927, moved the previous question.

Previous question M/S/C.

M/S/C to adopt committee's recommendation against the resolution.

Brother Lawrence asked that ILWU 13 be recorded as voting against the committee's recommendation.

M/S to adopt a resolution on Labor Israel.

Leonard Levy, ACWA 55D, spoke for the resolution, explained the significance and importance of Histadrut, and asked that it be given support and aid.

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Chairman Leonard concurred with Brother Levy's recommendation.

Brother Conway, USA 3941, spoke for the resolution.

M/S/C to adopt the resolution on Labor Israel, page

M/S to adopt a resolution supporting the American Veterans Committee.

Brother Mainord, UAW 808, spoke for the resolution, told what AVC is and stands for.

M/S/C to adopt resolution on American Veterans Committee, page 63.

M/S to adopt a resolution recommending amendment of the Railway Labor Act to allow the union shop and checkoff.

Robert Kent, Transport Workers 505, spoke for the resolution, pointed out that even vicious Taft-Hartley Act allows union shop, which is specifically forbidden by Railway Labor Act, asked that CIO support amendment of bills now before House and Senate to make union shop permissible under the RL Act.

M/S/C to adopt a resolution on Railway Labor Act, page 64.

M/S to adopt a resolution condemning cross-filing.

Brother Savage, OWIU 128, spoke for the resolution, asked that steps be taken to put a proposition on the ballot outlawing cross-filing.

Walter Petrovich, USA 2018, spoke for the resolution.

Brother Roberts, PAC, spoke for the resolution, pointed out how a Republican candidate was sending out literature with the remark "As One Democrat to Another . . ." trying to fool voters.

M/S/C to adopt resolution on Cross-filing, page 64.

M/S to adopt resolution against the Taft-Hartley Act.

Brother Utrecht, ILWU 13, spoke for the resolution, asked that a paragraph be added calling upon President Truman to fire Robert Denham as General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board.

Brother Flynn spoke for the resolution.

M/S/C to adopt resolution on Taft-Hartley Act, page 65.

M/S/C to adopt resolution commending CIO Regional Directors Irwin L. DeShetler, Southern California, and Tim Flynn, Northern California, page 66.

M/S to adopt a resolution calling for changes in the State of California Labor Code to bring about improvement of living conditions for railroad workers.

Salvador Revins, Railroad 3003, spoke for resolution, stating that living conditions for railroad workers very bad.

Brother Colbary, IUMSWA 9, spoke for resolution, asked for unanimous approval.

M/S/C to adopt resolution on Railroad Workers, page 66.

M/S to adopt a resolution on Ship Building and Ship Repair.

Brother Shapiro, IUMSWA 9, spoke for the resolution, asked for support of bill in Congress calling for \$25,000,000 for ship building and repair.

M/S/C to adopt resolution on Ship Building and Ship Repair, page 67.

M/S/C to dismiss all committees of the Convention with thanks and appreciation of Convention delegates.

Chairman Leonard thanked all the girls who had helped during the Convention, and the Convention Bureau for their cooperation.

Brother Lunceford moved that resolutions not acted upon be turned over to newly elected

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officers and Executive Board for their disposition. /S/C

Chairman Leonard expressed thanks to the sergeants-at-arm for the job they did during the Convention.

Brother Axelrod, Newsvendors, said he wanted to leave the thought in delegates' minds that CIO in California is going to beat Norman Chandler, publisher of the Mirror.

Chairman Leonard expressed thanks to William Millis and Henry Santiestevan, editors of the CIO News, California edition, "for the fine job they have done in reporting the news of this Convention to the CIO unionists in California."

M/S/C to adjourn sine die.

Chairman Leonard led the delegates in the singing of "Solidarity".

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Floyd Gartrell

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Hibe Perdue  
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Charles Keough  
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Sherman H. Dalrymple

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 Weir Russell  
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Edward R. Foley  
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Earl Anderson  
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Frank Reiber

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John A. Campbell  
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 Herman O. Westover  
 Harold A. Whitson  
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 Cloman O. Greene  
 Wayne F. Grubb  
 William Halpin  
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 Julius Kiss

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Bernard Neiditch

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Ken Hunter

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Albert A. Biagini  
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Armand Combatalde

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Joseph E. Doherty  
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Herman Davis  
John A. Despol  
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Warren Harris  
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Woodrow Redo  
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**Local 2470**

Herb Finley  
Joe Fowler

**Local 2571**

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Basil Logo  
Joseph A. Lorenzo  
Alfred Marnati  
Roland J. Mattly  
Hugh F. Moore  
Richard O'Hanlon  
Herbert C. Saltz  
Charles J. Smith  
Andy W. Terry  
Harry James Vezie  
David D. Walton  
Anthony V. Wambaugh  
Thomas J. Williams

**Local 3367**

Joseph Angelo  
Alfred R. Nunn

**Local 3677**

Sterling Brandon  
Wilfred Edwards  
Mary Ulrath

**Local 3702**

Jay Darwin

**Local 3941**

A. A. Clymer  
G. J. Conway

**UNITED STEEL WORKERS (Cont.)****Local 3941 (Cont.)**

Frances L. Hanson  
James H. Reed  
Carl Zeman

**Local 4155**

Frank C. Hudson  
Kenneth Stonehouse

**Local 4299**

William H. Parry  
Arthur S. Pughe

**UTILITY WORKERS****Local 132**

Joseph A. Anderson  
W. G. Bankhead  
Claude E. Clift  
Robert J. Felts  
Anthony Finocchio  
John Gatti  
Richard Harris  
William P. Henry  
Joseph D. Hill  
Glen B. Mayer  
Roy Owens  
Joseph E. Segler  
Darrell Stinson  
Patrick Tansey  
Leland R. Waterman

**Local 133**

Leonard M. Pollard  
Edward T. Shedlock

**Local 134**

Harold Doyle  
Milton Jacobs

**Local 168**

Winston S. Heard  
Paul F. Hormuth  
George W. Wack

**Local 246**

R. E. Cogdill  
Allen J. Cook  
Raymond A. Laughlin  
Howard A. Purcell  
Ernst A. Scott  
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**Local 1420**

Clement J. Lewis

**WOODWORKERS****Local 13-370**

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# RESOLUTIONS

## RESOLUTION ON ALLAN S. HAYWOOD

Allan S. Haywood, CIO Vice-President and Director of Organization, has made an invaluable contribution to the building of a strong, democratic CIO movement in California.

His wise and statesmanlike-leadership during a troubled period has aided in bringing about a more greatly unified, more powerful and free trade union movement, not only in California, but throughout the nation.

### NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the CIO-California Industrial Union Council commend and thank Brother Allan S. Haywood for the inspiring leadership he has given - and continues to give - to democratic trade unionism, and that the important contribution he made to the strengthening of the CIO in California be especially noted, and

### BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That copies of this resolution be sent to Philip Murray, CIO President, and Allan S. Haywood.  
SUBMITTED BY: THE GREATER LOS ANGELES CIO COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD.

## RESOLUTION ON

### FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE WORKERS ORGANIZING DRIVE

WHEREAS: 3600 members of the F.F. and V.W. of L.I. Union No. 78, CIO are engaged in an all-out drive to bring back into CIO ranks the 100,000 workers in this industry, and

WHEREAS: Due to the confusion and disillusionment created by the defunct, Commie-dominated F.T.A. this task is one that can be successfully accomplished only with the help of the CIO-California Industrial Union Council, and

WHEREAS: It is of vital importance to the present organizing drive to utilize every opportunity to bring the name of CIO sharply to the attention of the industry's workers, and

WHEREAS: The Salinas-Watsonville-Hollister Beauty Queen contest is an event around which tremendous interest by the workers is created and which thus creates a great organizing opportunity through participation in this contest,

### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That this convention endorse and support the candidacy of Jeanne Gross, a member of L.I.U. No. 78, for the 1950 Beauty Queen contest, and

### BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the delegates assembled here give aid to her selection as Beauty Queen by the purchase of the "Watsonville 4th of July" buttons, and

### BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:

That this convention pledge all aid possible to the organizing drive of L.I.U. No. 78.

This Resolution was submitted to the Convention Resolutions Committee by Local Industrial Union 78, and the Committee recommends its adoption.

## RESOLUTION ON

### PHILIP MURRAY

During the past ten (10) years, Philip Murray has given his inspiring and courageous leader-

## **RESOLUTION ON PHILIP MURRAY (Cont.)**

ship to the Congress of Industrial Organizations, and indeed, to all of American labor.

He stands unchallenged as the most effective spokesman for the workers not only in the United States but throughout the democratic world. His contribution to the strengthening and improvement of the democratic structure of society is profound. The tremendous effects of Philip Murray's humanitarianism, wisdom, and militant action will leave a permanent and beneficial imprint on the history of the American people.

In every field of concern to labor and the American people, he has been an outstanding exponent of justice and of social progress. He has made significant and lasting contributions toward the achievement of stronger guarantees in support of fundamental civil rights of the American people. His philosophy has been progressive legislation. His wisdom and experience has contributed mightily to the growing stature of labor's political action in our country. His leadership in helping shape the course of democratic foreign policy, a forward-looking European economic recovery program and a sound international labor movement, has been of decisive importance.

### **BE IT RESOLVED:**

The First Constitutional Convention of the CIO-California Industrial Union Council, expressing the beliefs and sentiments of 150,000 CIO members in this State, herewith express its deep and undying appreciation of the services rendered by Philip Murray.

We look forward to many long years of continued service by our President - an outstanding leader of labor, a great citizen of the United States, a fighter for decency, progress and democracy.

This Resolution is submitted by the Convention Resolutions Committee, and the Committee recommends its adoption.

## **RESOLUTION ON THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT**

### **Submitted by the Greater Los Angeles CIO Council**

The California Department of Employment was founded to aid the workers.

The Department is intended to: (1) help unemployed workers find decent jobs consistent with their training and experience; and (2) see to it that unemployment compensation laws intended to help jobless workers are fairly carried out.

However, the Department too often has forgotten or ignored its legitimate functions.

The Department has used its power to attempt to force workers to take sub-standard jobs at low wages, or lose their unemployment compensation.

The Department frequently has attempted to deny or limit compensation paid to unemployed workers, which would have made them vulnerable to economic exploitation by unscrupulous employers.

The Department has allowed itself to be used as a strike-breaking instrument by issuing anti-labor memoranda which called for spying on pickets, and the gathering of "information" slanted against strikers. There has been evidence the Department cooperated with management in such strike-breaking attempts.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the CIO-California Industrial Union Council be continuously vigilant in seeing that the State Department of Employment stick to its legitimate functions, and that workers get all the aid from the department to which they are legitimately entitled; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the CIO-California Industrial Union Council vigorously protest and oppose any move by the State Department of Employment to subvert its function and become an anti-labor instrument; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the CIO-California Industrial Union Council support and encourage state laws to liberalize and extend unemployment compensation and other economic benefits for workers.

## **MIRROR STRIKE RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS:** 200 CIO men and women and their union are on trial for their lives! They did commit a cardinal crime - - they dared to challenge the mighty Chandler fortress! A fortress that has fought Labor in every way since 1881! And

**WHEREAS:** 200 men and women dared to strike the Chandler open shop citadel six months ago. They dared to strike Chandler's MIRROR for a minimum guarantee of 24¢ an hour and \$26.66 vacation pay. The same guarantees and benefits as paid by the Herald-Express and the Daily News. This - the crime they've committed, and

**WHEREAS:** Labor is an accessory to their crime. If they are found guilty and lose their strike - - Labor will share in the penalty, for the fact is clearly recognized that alone they cannot win. Defeat will be Labor's defeat. Victory will and must be Labor's victory! Above all else it must be Labor's victory because the employer involved is the enemy of all Labor. In all walks of life, on the economic and political front, the Chandler Empire has fought Labor and its objectives. The Chandler octopus with its tentacles reaching into press, radio, banking, industry, railroading, education, investments, news coverage, retail selling, agriculture, and many other fields, must not be allowed to brag that Labor could not beat the MIRROR.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That all delegates and friends of Labor assembled here accept with full understanding and determination, the responsibility before this body to render all-out support behind Local 75 in order that all CIO may justly and proudly acclaim the defeat of the Chandler Octopus, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That each International and Local representative assembled here shall do all in his or her power to mobilize the necessary financial and moral support in order that victory shall be insured, and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:** That this convention, and all assembled, do hereby officially proclaim the defeat of Norman Chandler's MIRROR as one of CIO's 1950 objectives.

This resolution was submitted to the CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE by the News-vendors, LIU 75, and the Committee recommends its adoption.

## **RESOLUTION ON SUMMER SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS,** many CIO Unions in the state are sponsoring, in cooperation with the University of California, a summer school to be held at Asilomar the week of September 10; and

**WHEREAS,** this summer school will provide an opportunity for CIO members and their families to become more effective trade unionists;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That this convention endorse the summer school and call it to the attention of all CIO locals by urging the fullest cooperation and attendance at the school.

Submitted by: Paul Jacobs  
Rex Mainord

## **RESOLUTION ON EDUCATION AND RESEARCH**

**WHEREAS,** in order to adequately protect the collective bargaining strength of the CIO in California, there must be economic and statistical material available to all CIO Unions in the State; and

## **RESOLUTION ON EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (Cont.)**

WHEREAS, a well-informed and Union-conscious membership is a pre-requisite for maintaining our present strength and enlarging our membership; and

WHEREAS, these responsibilities on the state level rest with the State CIO Council;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That this convention authorize the establishment of a State Research and Education Committee, to be composed of designated representatives from each International with said committee to meet at least twice a year, in order to assist the Executive Officers of the State Council in carrying out a Research and Education program in the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this convention authorize the administrative officers of the Council and the Executive Board to consider the advisability of setting up a Research and Education Department with at least one full time person to work, primarily in the coming period on research problems in consultation with the Research and Education Committee, with said person directly responsible to the administrative officers of the Council.

Submitted by: Paul Jacobs  
Rex Mainord

## **RESOLUTION ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH**

An appalling number of workers in industry have suffered ill-health, been injured or lost their lives because of the lack of safe and healthful working conditions.

The grave problem of industrial safety and health is of great concern to the Congress of Industrial Organizations. Failure to solve that problem is paid for by the worker - statistics show that 16,000 workers are killed and more than two million injured every year in industrial accidents.

To meet the problem, there is a need for adequate safety codes equipped with the authority of law and capable of being improved without involved legislative proceedings.

There must be more and better cooperation between the state labor department, and public health agencies.

The problem of industrial safety and occupational diseases can be met properly only through cooperation of all concerned with the growing number of industrial casualties.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the CIO-California Industrial Union Council establish as one of its important objectives the making of work places in the state safe and healthful, with special consideration for the women and young persons who work, and

That the CIO-California Industrial Union Council cooperate with agencies, organizations and individuals genuinely interested in solving the important problem of industrial safety and health.

SUBMITTED BY: THE GREATER LOS ANGELES CIO COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD.

## **RESOLUTION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**

Submitted by the Fair Practices Committee of the Greater Los Angeles CIO Council

WHEREAS the Congress of Industrial Organizations has consistently championed the adoption of a full civil rights program; and

WHEREAS that program calls for:

- (1) Establishment of a permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission
- (2) Abolition of the poll tax as a voting requirement
- (3) Enactment of anti-lynching legislation

## **RESOLUTION ON CIVIL RIGHTS (Cont.)**

- (4) Prohibition of segregation in interstate transportation facilities
- (5) Home rule and suffrage in all elections for the District of Columbia
- (6) Establishment of a permanent Commission on Civil Rights, a joint congressional committee on civil rights and a Civil Rights Division in the Department of Justice
- (7) Statehood for Hawaii and Alaska
- (8) Elimination of racial barriers to naturalization
- (9) Settlement of evacuation claims of Japanese-Americans
- (10) Strengthening existing civil rights laws, and

WHEREAS on a state and local level there is great need to strengthen our civil rights laws such as:

- (1) Passage of a State FEPC
- (2) Abolition of segregation in our urban re-development program
- (3) Strengthening and enforcement of existing civil rights laws
- (4) The establishment of an educational and indoctrinational program for all law enforcement personnel regarding the handling of racial, religious and national minorities
- (5) The extension of the civil rights code to prohibit discrimination in sports and recreation
- (6) The repeal of the alien-land law
- (7) The establishment of a program on inter-cultural education in the California school system
- (8) The abolition of the quota system in medical schools and hospitals in the State of California in regard to students and patients
- (9) The abolition of discrimination in the sale of automobile insurance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we call upon the CIO-California State Industrial Union Council's Committee on Race Relations to work with other state-wide, legitimate liberal organizations for the attainment of above objectives.

## **RESOLUTION ON HOUSING**

WHEREAS, the shortage of housing has created a housing tragedy in California and thousands of families are living doubled up or in slums or cannot afford a home of their own because of the failure of the housing industry to meet the needs of the people; and

WHEREAS private industry, still shackled to handicraft construction techniques, is manifestly incapable of meeting more than a fraction of the housing need - - a need felt more acutely among the millions of middle and low income families incapable of paying the current costs of decent housing, regardless of whether they rent or aspire to own a home of their own.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the CIO-California Industrial Union Council Convention, convening June 3rd, 4th and 5th, go on record in support of the following housing program of action:

1. The California State Legislature be urged to enact a law providing direct state loans at low interest to groups of middle income families who are not eligible for public housing.
2. That the State Legislature be urged to authorize a more adequate program for farm housing and to provide adequate facilities for migratory farm workers and their families.
3. That this Convention urge upon the governor the appointment, as quickly as possible, of a new State Housing Committee. This Committee should include representation from labor, construction industry, churches, and such other governmental and public organizations as have prime interests in the housing situation. The Committee should be instructed to develop within 90 days of its creation, the accomplishment of the following:
  - (1) A State inventory of housing needs.
  - (2) Establishment of a research and technical development agency within a State housing authority devoted to:
    - (a) Development of new housing materials - new sources of materials and insuring

## RESOLUTION ON HOUSING (Cont.)

maximum utilization of existing materials.

- (b) Application of the best architectural and engineering "know-how" in the designing of modern, functional low-cost family houses.
  - (c) Development of rational city and county planning to achieve modern communities for wholesome family living. Slum clearance must be an integral part of this program but we must abolish slums - not modernize them.
  - (d) Formulation of a specific program to coordinate and standardize conflicting or restricting State and Local building codes that will meet present day needs and standards.
- (3) Cooperation with the programing of a Federal Government sponsored and coordinated high quality, low-cost mass production of housing providing for:
- (a) Full participation of private enterprise and individual initiative in the plan.
  - (b) Direct government operation of production facilities where private enterprise is unwilling to assume the responsibility.
4. Encouragement of the organization of cooperative housing groups who meet the requirements of the State Housing Agency, and Federal and State laws.
5. Formulation of proposals for legislation to increase government authority and financing power wherever existing funds and authority may be inadequate to accomplish the foregoing.
6. To make an exhaustive study of Veterans' housing legislation and to formulate proposals to correct possible present inadequacies.
7. To urge the enactment of a stand-by State Rent Control Law to be instituted retroactively to the date of the first lifting of rents of any given community or city in California under the local provision of the national law . . . with provision that said law be maintained only as long as the inadequacy of the housing situation in California dictates the necessity for it.

Submitted by the Housing and Rent Committee of The Greater Los Angeles CIO Council

## RESOLUTION ON UNION BUSTING

- WHEREAS: On Monday, May 1, 1950 a leaflet, issued by the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, was distributed at the gates of the Standard Oil refinery in Richmond, California; and
- WHEREAS: the OWIU, CIO, was participating in an election at the Richmond refinery taking place the next day in which the OWIU was opposed by a Company inspired "independent" union which took the bargaining rights away from the OWIU in the midst of the 1948 oil strike; and
- WHEREAS: the distribution of this ILWU leaflet on May 1st viciously and maliciously attacked the leadership of the OWIU, CIO; and
- WHEREAS: the distribution of such a vicious leaflet on the eve of an election was nothing more than an attempt to weaken the position of the OWIU, CIO, in its efforts to re-establish bona fide unionism in the Standard refinery and at the same time assist the Company inspired "independent" union and the notoriously anti-labor Standard Oil Company; and
- WHEREAS: the distribution of such a leaflet can only bring shame and disgrace upon the persons responsible for its issuance;
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that this convention goes on record as condemning the persons responsible for the leaflet and calls to the attention of the entire labor movement the union busting and anti-labor position taken by the international leadership of the ILWU in permitting such a leaflet to be distributed over the name of the ILWU; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this convention approve the action of the Executive Board of Local 10 of the ILWU, CIO, which went on record asking for an investigation to

## **UNION BUSTING RESOLUTION (Cont.)**

determine the identity of the persons responsible for the distribution of the leaflet and their being placed on trial for anti-unionism once their identity has been established.

This Resolution was submitted by Oilworkers Union Local 128, to the Convention Resolutions Committee and the Committee recommends its adoption.

## **RESOLUTION ON FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE WORKERS**

WHEREAS the production and packing of fresh fruits and vegetables is a vital and basic industry necessary to the economic and physical welfare of thousands of workers located principally in the states of California and Arizona,

WHEREAS the preparation and packing of fresh fruits and vegetables has contributed heavily towards the building of California and Arizona into the position of the greatest States in the production and shipment of fresh fruits and vegetables, and

WHEREAS the workers in this highly specialized mass production industry have demonstrated their knowledge of, and desire for, true Democratic Unionism by their determined resistance to interference by civil authorities, raids from outside unions, and left-wing dictatorship from within their own organization, and

WHEREAS the fresh fruit and vegetable workers have appealed to the National CIO to provide a strong structure so they can remain within the family of CIO, and

WHEREAS the National CIO has chartered the Local Industrial 78, CIO of THE UNITED FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE WORKERS and is assisting in its reorganization and stabilization with manpower and financial aid . . . .

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this 1950 convention of the CIO-California Industrial Union Council go on record as follows:

1. Congratulate the members and officers of Local Industrial Union 78 CIO United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Workers on their determined stand to form a Union of, by, and for the "Fruit Tramps"
2. Commend the National CIO on its action in assisting these good workers to build their home and remain within the CIO, and
3. That this convention urges the Local Unions affiliated to the CIO-California Industrial Union Council to give all moral and all possible financial help aiding the CIO United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Workers in the building of a strong and vigorous organization that will give the workers in their Industry, the needed protection and benefits that they so richly deserve.

(SUBMITTED BY RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE)

## **RESOLUTION ON COLORADO RIVER WATER**

WHEREAS, the Colorado River is vitally needed as a source of water supply for 28 Southern California cities and agricultural areas with a present total population of more than 4,000,000 persons; and

WHEREAS, California's share of Colorado River water is in jeopardy of being drastically reduced by the Central Arizona irrigation project called for in Senate Bill 75, now pending in Congress; and

WHEREAS, any diversion of water from existing publicly owned water systems now serving the Southern California area would have serious effects on the economic welfare

## **RESOLUTION ON COLORADO RIVER WATER (Cont.)**

of the entire state of California, particularly on industrial development and job opportunities here;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the CIO-California State Industrial Union Council, meeting at Long Beach, California, expresses its firm opposition to the Central Arizona project legislation, S. 75.

This resolution was submitted to the Resolutions Committee by Harold Shapiro, International Union Marine and Shipbuilders Workers of America

## **RESOLUTION ON**

### **UNION LABEL**

The entire labor movement has a stake in the advancement of democratic trade unionism in every branch of American industry; that which promotes the welfare of one union benefits all unions.

The Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America has always supported its sister unions in other industries. It was one of the founding unions of the CIO, and it participated in every way in the CIO's growth and development.

For thirty-five years it has provided democratic leadership and effective representation for its own members in the struggle to raise the standard of living and to eliminate the threat of sweat-shop conditions in the clothing industry. It has won for its members insurance protection, pensions and vacations with pay as well as decent wages and working conditions.

To protect these gains the Amalgamated Clothing Workers has launched a union label campaign to promote the sale of union-made clothing. By publicizing the value of the union label, this campaign will inevitably stimulate the sale of all union-made products and encourage organization in every industry. Thus the union label campaign of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers will have a beneficial effect on all unions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

We unanimously endorse the Amalgamated Union Label Campaign and pledge its full cooperation and vigorous support.

All affiliated locals of the CIO-California Industrial Union Council are urged to cooperate fully with the Amalgamated in its union label campaign.

It is the moral duty of every union member to support the Amalgamated union label campaign by demanding the union label, not only on clothing, but on all union-made products.

**SUBMITTED BY:** ACWA LOCAL 278, Los Angeles, Calif.

## **RESOLUTION ON MUNDT-NIXON BILL**

**Submitted by Legislative and Political Action Committee of the Greater Los Angeles CIO Council**

**WHEREAS** the Mundt-Nixon Bill, ostensibly designed to regulate and control subversive activities, is neither necessary nor in line with basic constitutional rights; and

**WHEREAS** support by a labor organization of objectives also supported by Communists, such as the abolition of the poll tax, enactment of an adequate housing program and the protection of civil rights, could, under the standards proposed by the bill, furnish the basis for the conclusion that the organization is a "Communist-front"; and

**WHEREAS**, recalling smear attacks on the CIO by the House UnAmerican Activities Committee in the past, there is no particular reason to suppose that the Subversive Activities Control Board set up in this bill would be any less reactionary than this Congressional Committee has been; and

## **RESOLUTION ON MUNDT-NIXON BILL (Cont.)**

WHEREAS this bill is in fundamental conflict with our Constitutional form of government and with the premises of a democratic society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Convention go on record condemning the Mundt-Nixon Bill and all other similar types of legislation and that copies of this resolution be sent to all California representatives in the Congress of the United States.

## **RESOLUTION ON POLITICAL ACTION**

Economic democracy and political democracy live or die together. The weakening or destruction of political democracy, whether by totalitarian conspiracy and aggression, or through the indifference of its citizens, is always followed by the weakening of economic democracy and collective bargaining.

Since 1943 the CIO Political Action Committee has been in the forefront of the battle to elect to public office men and women who represent their constituents faithfully and ably and who fight for the welfare of all the people of the United States. It has worked untiringly to keep before the people of the country the issues facing the nation and the records of their public servants on those issues. It has stressed without partisanship the urgency of registration and voting as a duty of citizenship and it has labored to make clear the vital role of elections for city, state and national office in our democracy.

Today, due largely to the pioneer work of the CIO-PAC, more men and women than ever before are interested and active in the political processes of the country. Issues are taking the places of personalities. Political parties have come to realize that they must take a stand upon the issues of the day and that they will be held to strict accountability for their platform pledges.

The CIO Political Action Committee is a powerful force on the American scene. It has been joined by other labor and liberal groups. We welcome them to the ranks of those working to keep democracy whole and healthy. This rapid increase in strength has given new flesh and blood and nerve and sinew to our system of government. It offers today a strong affirmative answer to those insidious forces and persons, some of them misled and some malign, who would subvert the Government of the United States - our constitutionally elected government - to a foreign power or to the power of monopoly.

A political awakening and realignment are under way. It was to be expected that, as a result of the startling 1948 election victory for the people, the Dixie-GOP coalition should come into the open in 1949. The Dixie-GOP coalition is not new. It is composed of Southern Democrats who are opposed to civil rights and of Republicans who put corporation privileges above human rights. It has existed since 1938, when it began to sabotage and bring to a halt the New Deal begun by Franklin D. Roosevelt. For ten years it fought a defensive, delaying, rearguard action, unable to win a victory at the polls except in the 1946 election of the 80th Congress. When that Congress and the coalition were repudiated by the vote of the people in 1948, the coalition's very base of power, consisting of key positions held by Southern members of Congress entrenched behind the poll tax and the seniority rule, was threatened.

Faced with a substantial increase of genuine liberals in both Houses of the 81st Congress, the illicit Dixie-GOP liaison of Southern Democrats and reactionary Republicans had to come out in the open. In the Senate filibuster vote of March 1949, reinforcing the veto power of the filibuster over civil rights, a majority in the Republican Party formalized the ten-year Dixie-GOP liaison in a shameful political marriage of convenience with a minority of the Democratic Party.

This identification of the Dixie-GOP coalition and its members is progress. It clarifies issues. It stimulates political education, organization and action. It is another step forward in the fundamental political realignment that is under way.

Much remains to be done to perfect the political processes of our country. Many barriers to the hard-won right of the people to control their own destiny through the ballot box have been erected

## RESOLUTION ON POLITICAL ACTION (Cont.)

by the agents of the vested interests who fear the will of the people.

These barriers must be torn down.

The basic political task before us is to develop a strong working consolidation of farm, labor and all liberal forces in a genuine progressive, democratic political action program which rejects the totalitarianism of Communism on the left and the reckless anti-social policies of Wall Street monopoly interests on the right. The political power of people must prevail over the political power of entrenched privilege and monopoly. We must plan our course toward that goal.

The first step is to bring farm, labor and all liberal forces together in an alliance for political action that is independent of any party but gives support to those parties and candidates which are pledged to an aggressive, liberal, democratic purpose and program.

We must face up to the political reality of our time by recognizing that the forces of privilege are presently and powerfully represented in Congress and in the state legislature by an open actively working coalition of reactionary elements in both political parties. This we must overcome by supporting and electing true fighting liberals, regardless of party, and by demanding that they, like the reactionaries, act openly and aggressively together to translate into legislation the progressive measures to which they are pledged.

These are the practical steps that we must take to cope with the political realities which confront us. They are also the practical steps which must lead to a political realignment through which political parties will become responsible for delivery to the people of the policies and programs for which they vote in elections. Following such a political realignment the American people can vote for a clear-cut liberal program with the full knowledge that, when elected, that party will carry out its liberal program without qualification, compromise or delay.

The labor movement of which we are a part has the leadership and the organizational resources to give direction and drive to complete this political realignment before depression, disaster, and war blackout and suspend our opportunity to move forward.

We call upon all members of the CIO in all parts of the country to work and fight, through their political action committees, for legislation that will:

1. Revise our registration laws to eliminate cumbersome requirements designed to prevent the expression of the popular will and provide only so much regulation as is necessary to prevent fraud.
2. Pay state legislators and state officials enough so that able men and women and young men and women, anxious to make their contribution to the political life of their community, may be attracted to the service of the people.
3. Revise our California elections laws to eliminate the evils of political party irresponsibility by outlawing cross-filing of candidates on political party nominations other than the party with which they are registered.
4. Remove from our political life the disgraceful practice of juggling election districts - both state and national - whereby voters in one community exercise more influence than voters in another and where representatives of a few thousand people can outvote millions.

It is our further belief that the American democratic process, now undergoing its trial by moral strength with totalitarianism ideologies that degrade and destroy human values, must be further strengthened by legislative action to:

1. Eliminate the outmoded electoral college and provide for direct election of President and Vice President so that there will be no danger that a minority candidate can gain office by a technicality.
2. Abolish the rigid seniority system in Congress by which wisdom is stifled and age takes precedence over ability.
3. Abolish the Senate filibuster.

The mercenaries of monopoly must be driven from our temples of government. The power of

## RESOLUTION ON POLITICAL ACTION (Cont.)

finance to select the officials who rule the people must be broken. The unholy coalition of reactionaries from the Republican Party and the Democratic Party which has sought to throttle the will of the people must be defeated. The sinister forces in our political life who seek power by use of appeals to racial prejudice and ignorance must be unmasked.

To these tasks the California CIO Political Action Committee dedicates itself. These tasks the PAC and the people of America will do in November, 1950.

We made a start in 1948. Spearheaded by the CIO-PAC, the liberal forces of America rallied and defeated the presumptuous men who sought to take power into their own hands. It assisted in the election to Congress of men and women who have been able to turn the defensive battles of 1947 into the offensive battle of 1949 and 1950. We have made a start toward the enactment of a program that spells peace, security and liberty for all Americans.

The forces which have, for so long, misruled in the southern part of our country are losing their control. In the far west growing groups of workers and farmers are organizing to elect able and progressive public servants. In the industrial north, machine bosses no longer are able to swing elections, regardless of candidates or issues.

The election of a governor, members of the State Legislature and other state officers in 1950 will determine the future economic progress of California and California labor. Since the members of the Legislature will re-district the assembly and congressional districts of California, an election victory for the forces of reaction will provide the opportunity to gerrymander these election districts and establish a minority veto of the popular will of the people for the next ten years. At least ten congressional seats can be lost for ten years by the gerrymandering scheme of reactionary politicians.

In 1950 CIO-PAC will carry the fight to the heart of the enemy. It will provide reinforcements for the valiant men and women in the 81st Congress who have fought the battle for the people of the nation and it will oppose with all of its resources and every ounce of its energy each member of Congress who defied the will of the plain citizens of America so loudly proclaimed in November, 1948.

Therefore, to this battle we pledge ourselves. To those of a like mind we issue a cordial invitation to take their places in the war against poverty, in the battle for security, in the dedication of our hearts and minds to the war for a free and happy America.

### NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The CIO-California Industrial Union Council calls upon each member of the CIO, together with his family to register and to vote on each election day.
2. We call upon each member of the CIO to contribute without stint his and her energies to the furtherance of political action work in the block and precinct.
3. Each local union and city council is hereby directed to make the utmost use of its energies and resources in building our political action committees and that they undertake the systematic check of their respective membership lists to insure that each member and his adult family is registered.

The CIO-California Industrial Union Council urges every CIO local union to bend every effort to furthering the program of their respective international unions and national CIO on the voluntary PAC dollar contribution campaign - that each and every member give a buck to PAC. In accordance with national CIO-PAC policy, 50 (fifty) cents of each voluntary CIO-PAC dollar shall be sent by the local union to the National CIO-PAC through the office of their respective international unions. The remaining 50 (fifty) cents from each voluntary PAC dollar shall be forwarded to the federal election fund of the CIO-California Industrial Union Council. One-half of such voluntary PAC money received shall be forwarded to the respective CIO County Council, or appropriate CIO County Committee in the district from which the contribution is made,

## **RESOLUTION ON POLITICAL ACTION (Cont.)**

To insure adequate finances which are absolutely necessary for the successful election of liberal state officers and members of the state legislature, the CIO-California Industrial Union Council requests each CIO local union in California to make an annual contribution from their Local Union treasury or other means or sources the sum equal to fifty cents (50¢) per member, to be used in the gubernatorial, state senatorial and assembly campaigns; such contribution to be sent to the CIO-California Industrial Union Council who, in turn, will send half of each contribution back to the respective recognized CIO Council or appropriate CIO County Committee in the district from which the contribution was made.

The CIO Political Action Committee of the Council, as now constituted, shall direct the work of political action and political education of the CIO and service, advise and coordinate the work of political action committees of the city and county councils and local unions.

The CIO-PAC is hereby directed and urged to continue its work through block-workers, precinct workers and local political action committees to the end that the 1950 elections will constitute a deathblow to the Republican-Dixiecrat coalition and a reaffirmation of the determination of the American people to push forward the frontiers of social progress.

We reaffirm the principle that the political activity of the CIO must be independent and non-partisan, giving support to the progressive forces in both major parties and basing its judgement of candidates on their records and platforms.

The legislative representatives of the CIO must encourage and support the creation of a working liberal coalition among the elected representatives in both major parties to carry out the liberal program and to defeat the coalition of reactionary Democrats and Republicans which is committed to the service of privilege and monopoly against the welfare of the American people.

Cooperation with farmers, other labor groups, small business organizations, white collar workers and liberal organizations with political objectives similar to those of CIO must be encouraged, strengthened and expanded.

## **RESOLUTION ON CALIFORNIA NATIONAL CIO-PAC**

WHEREAS: The California National CIO-PAC was established March 19, 1948, by the Congress of Industrial Organizations, for the primary purposes of implementing National CIO policy in the State of California, with respect to political and legislative matters and to give leadership and guidance on questions affecting the welfare of the people of California; and

WHEREAS: The establishment of the California National CIO-PAC was made necessary due to the complete and deliberate disregard for the policies of National CIO by the defunct, "old state CIO Council", which consistently adhered to the program of the Communist Party, rather than the democratic decisions of CIO; and

WHEREAS: The California National CIO-PAC has, from the time of its establishment, met all of its responsibilities with the kind of leadership and program that has redounded to the best interests of the citizens of this State;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The First Constitutional Convention of the CIO-California Industrial Union Council does express its deep appreciation and sincere thanks to the officers and Executive Board Members of the California National CIO-PAC for a job well done, in its successful campaign to reinstate the deserved, high status and prestige of the CIO movement in California.

## **RESOLUTION ON THE CIO NEWS, CALIFORNIA EDITION**

The CIO NEWS, California edition is the only official CIO statewide newspaper. It is a powerful weapon in the support of CIO organizations, CIO policies, and free, democratic trade-unionism.

## **RESOLUTION ON THE CIO NEWS, CALIFORNIA EDITION (Cont.)**

It is serving well in the honest reporting of activities of the CIO and its affiliated organizations, and is an "extra arm" for CIO affiliates in their battles against their enemies.

CIO organizations on strike or in trade-union conflicts with employers have felt, and been grateful for, the supporting strength of the CIO NEWS, California edition. CIO organizations have good reason to be thankful for the cooperation of the CIO NEWS, California edition, in the honest reporting and publicizing of their activities.

In the fight against anti-CIO elements, the CIO NEWS, California edition, was particularly effective in exposing the lies, slanders, deceits and unprincipled manipulations of those who sought to undermine and destroy the CIO and democratic trade-unionism. Without this newspaper, the fight against the savage anti-labor, anti-CIO, anti-democratic foes of the CIO would have been greatly prolonged and much more costly.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the CIO-California Industrial Union Council go on record in support of the CIO NEWS, California edition, recognize it as the official organ of this Council and give it the fullest financial and moral backing possible, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That this Council recommend and urge that all affiliated organizations subscribe to the CIO NEWS, California edition, for their full membership, and give it the fullest financial and moral support possible; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:**

That the CIO NEWS, California edition, and its editors, be commended for the valiant and loyal support given CIO organizations in California, and that National CIO be commended for the encouragement it is extending to the CIO NEWS, California edition, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the editors of the CIO NEWS, California edition, and the CIO NEWS, National edition, and CIO President Philip Murray.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**THE GREATER LOS ANGELES CIO COUNCIL**

**ADOPTED BY:**

**CIO-CALIFORNIA INDUSTRIAL UNION  
COUNCIL - IN CONVENTION - JUNE 4, 1950**

## **PACKINGHOUSE WORKERS RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS:** The Cannery and Agricultural Workers Union, Local 77-CIO chartered by the United Packinghouse Workers of America CIO is the bona fide union of cannery workers who were former members of FTA Local 7, and

**WHEREAS:** It was the order of the CIO that after the expulsion of the FTA from the CIO for communistic leanings that the cannery workers would be under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United Packinghouse Workers of America CIO and that therefore it is improper for the ILWU to grant a charter to remnants of the cannery workers led by men who were responsible in corrupting the election in Local 7 last fall, and

**WHEREAS:** The action of the FTA Executive Board in appointing the men who corrupted the election in Local 7 is a clear endorsement of undemocratic and totalitarian method of government, and

**WHEREAS:** The support being now given by the ILWU, the IFAWA, and the MCSU to the members of Local 7-C, ILWU, is in itself an encouragement of the autocratic and totalitarian method of government which every honest and freedom-loving workingman must condemn, and

**WHEREAS:** The great majority of the workers would rather belong to the CIO than to a communist-led union or to the AFL, and

## **PACKINGHOUSE WORKERS RESOLUTION (Cont.)**

**WHEREAS:** The great majority of the cannery workers are opposed to the undemocratic methods and policies of the FTA, hence their withdrawal from that union, and

**WHEREAS:** It is the intention of Local 77 to reunite all the cannery workers both residents and non-residents of Alaska, and

**WHEREAS:** It is also the desire of Local 77 to organize the unorganized field workers among Filipinos and other nationals in California, and

**WHEREAS:** The United Packinghouse Workers of America CIO and the National CIO have already assured the leaders of Local 77-CIO that they will support the ORGANIZATIONAL PROGRAM outlined of Local 77, CIO,

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:** That all-out support be given by this CONVENTION of the CIO-California Industrial Union Council; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That copies of this resolution be furnished each labor organization affiliated to the Congress of Industrial Organizations

This resolution was submitted to the CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE by the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Union Local 77 CIO and is recommended by the Committee for adoption, in lieu of another similar resolution submitted on the same subject matter.

## **RESOLUTION ON LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

A reactionary coalition of Republicans and Dixiecrats has so far betrayed the trust of the American people during the second session of the 81st Congress.

The 81st Congress was elected with as clear a mandate as the voting public has ever given its representatives in Washington.

That mandate called for quick and forthright action on the program of the Fair Deal, as set forth in the Democratic Party's 1948 convention platform and in President Truman's thorough and forthright State-of-the-Union messages in 1949 and 1950.

It was a mandate which the forces of organized labor, representing millions of workers, solidly and solemnly supported with their votes in the last election.

It was a mandate for the accomplishment of a program which would encourage improvements in the American standard of living, in the strengthening of our democratic civil liberties, in the stability of our economy, the security of all our people and the preservation of peace.

At the first session of the 81st Congress, following immediately after the 1948 election, some progress was made toward the attainment of the Fair Deal program. A low-rent public housing program was enacted; the minimum wage was raised to 75 cents; other constructive legislation was initiated and advanced toward final action.

As the impact of the election wore off, however, progress was virtually halted. The Dixiecrat-Republican coalition, which scoffed at the people's mandate became bolder in their opposition. They have succeeded in frustrating the efforts of those who are trying to carry out the program on which the Congress was elected to office as servants of the people. This has been particularly true of the second session of the 81st Congress.

Three months after it assembled for its second session, the accomplishments of the second session of the 81st Congress are almost non-existent.

Its only contributions to the welfare of the people has been the passage of a bill to repeal the federal taxes on oleomargarine and the passage of a liberalized Displaced Persons Bill.

The savings for consumers represented by this piece of legislation were more than offset by the terms of the Kerr Natural Gas Bill, which sought to transfer scores of millions of dollars each year from the pocketbooks of consumers to the treasuries of rich and powerful gas-and-oil corporations. Fortunately, President Truman courageously vetoed this "special interest" bill.

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In other respects, the conservative coalition has frustrated legislation imperatively required for the general welfare.

The Taft-Hartley Act has not been repealed.

The civil rights program has been all but completely neglected - and the toothless FEPC bill finally passed by the House cannot begin to correct the problem of discrimination which it was originally designed to meet.

A modernized, improved social security bill still has not been enacted.

The middle income housing bill has been stripped of its effective provisions. All that is left is a pork barrel for mortgage bankers, speculative builders and the real estate lobby.

The rent control agency of the federal government has been denied sufficient operating funds to permit decent protection of the rent control laws for millions of hard-pressed tenants, and continuation of rent control may be undermined.

The Senate has passed an amendment stripping the Economic Cooperation Administration of 250 million dollars vitally necessary for the success of the European Recovery Program; and it has been proposed that the Point Four Program, to give technical and economic assistance to under-developed areas of the world, be cut down to a point where this country could not meet its responsibilities to other peoples.

Action on a number of other important matters has similarly been pigeonholed. No progress has been made on health insurance, on suitable measures to handle the growing menace of unemployment, on tax forms or monopoly control.

But there is still time, if the members of Congress are willing to heed the will of the American people for legislative progress.

In the months ahead we will carefully look into the record.

The CIO-California Industrial Union Council calls upon the Democratic leadership in Congress to push forward with renewed vigor for the enactment of legislation to carry out the specific provisions of the Fair Deal program to which they are pledged.

We call upon progressive Democrats and progressive Republicans to wage more effectively their battle against the reactionary coalition and for the people's interests.

We will continue to make available to all our members a detailed record of developments in the Congress looking toward the November elections.

We are confident that the American people will not permit their will to be frustrated again. We will join with the rest of the CIO, through our Political Action Committee and our other affiliated organizations, to carry forward the unfinished task of winning truly progressive and representative government.

Turning to the California Legislature, at Sacramento, we see a continuation of the fight to prevent adoption of anti-labor legislation and other reactionary legislation. As long as the California Senate remains unrepresentative of the majority of the people of California, democracy in California faces the continued threat of a stalemate. The California Senate has repeatedly pigeon-holed progressive legislation passed by the Assembly. Further, the California Senators, representing a small minority of the people of our state, have consistently passed anti-labor legislation which the progressive forces in the Assembly were under considerable difficulty to defeat. There is a real need for a grass roots liberal-labor-farmer legislative coalition which can press for passage of legislation which meets the vital needs of the people of California.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

That in pursuance of these objectives, we call for the enactment of legislative measures, including the following:

(1) Repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and re-enactment of the Wagner Act with improving amendments. We stand solidly against any provisions which would impose the use of injunctions to break strikes or which would impinge on other basic principles.

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- (2) Strengthening and improvement of our social security program, including extended coverage, substantial increases in benefits, addition of permanent and temporary disability insurance, and an improved public assistance program.
- (3) A progressive tax program which shifts the burden of taxes from those least able to those best able to pay.
- (4) Enactment into law of the recommendations of the President's Committee on Civil Rights. Specifically we call for:
  - (a) Passage of a Fair Employment Practices bill with adequate enforcement machinery;
  - (b) Passage of legislation outlawing poll taxes and other undemocratic restrictions on the right to vote;
  - (c) Enactment of a federal anti-lynching bill;
  - (d) Passage of measures to bar segregation in interstate travel;
  - (e) Enactment of safeguards against racial discrimination in federal appropriations for state aid;
  - (f) Abolition of the Wood Committee;
  - (g) Enactment of laws protecting aliens long resident in the United States and safeguarding their status;

In addition, we oppose all bills and Executive Orders to limit constitutional rights of American citizens and to curtail the right of organization and association.

- (5) Extension of rent control for the period of the housing shortage.
- (6) Passage of an adequate housing program for families of moderate income, with provisions for loans to housing co-operatives.
- (7) Enactment of legislation to protect tenants in war housing from real estate speculators.
- (8) Improvement of the Fair Labor Standards Act to provide a minimum wage of at least \$1.00 an hour, and to extend coverage to all workers whose employment is within the jurisdiction of federal legislation. We believe that at least an additional 7 million workers could and should be brought under the protection of the Fair Labor Standards Act.
- (9) Development of an economic program which will promote and maintain a full-employment, full-production, and full-purchasing power economy.
- (10) Improvement of unemployment compensation and the public employment service through more adequate benefit provisions and extended coverage in a nationalized system.
- (11) A national unified health insurance program.
- (12) Federal aid-to-education, properly financed, and an effective labor education extension service program.
- (13) Strengthening of the U. S. Department of Labor and the return to it of all its legitimate functions.
- (14) Establishment of a Cabinet-status Department of Welfare to coordinate the health, welfare and social service functions of the government.
- (15) Veterans benefits adjusted to meet present high costs and the enactment of an adequate veterans' readjustment allowances program.
- (16) A comprehensive forestry program, including direct federal regulation of timber-cutting on all timberlands.
- (17) Support for the integrated regional development of rivers, water-ways and natural resources, utilizing the experience gained in TVA. Federal support for local programs to abate stream and river pollution.
- (18) A farm program geared to a full economy, including reasonable price and income support, farm credits, soil conservation, and improvement of rural living standards.
- (19) Adoption of the International Trade Organization's Charter which extends the principle of reciprocal trade.
- (20) Adequate appropriations for the Economic Co-operation Administration.

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- (21) Retention under full federal control of "tidelands" oil resources.
- (22) Enactment of legislation with appropriate safeguards to implement President Truman's "Point Four" proposal for assistance in the development of human and technical resources of under-developed countries.
- (23) Provisions for the development and maintenance of a U.S. merchant marine of size and status commensurate with this country's role of leadership in world affairs.
- (24) A California Full Employment Act.
- (25) Increasing the maximum weekly benefits under the California Unemployment Insurance Act.
- (26) A one billion dollar bond issue for self-liquidating public works projects and development projects in California.
- (27) Elimination of the California law providing for cross-filing.
- (28) A permanent Child Care Centers Program for California.
- (29) A California pre-paid health insurance act.
- (30) Increased development of California public recreation facilities.
- (31) A California State Finance Corporation providing for the development and administration, under a State Finance Corporation, of an insured loan industry, designed particularly to aid small business in obtaining long term capital at low interest rates. This will be of great help in fostering industrial and commercial expansion in California.
- (32) Legislation designed to strengthen the system of collective bargaining in private industry in California which will help prevent absentee ownership from draining too much purchasing power from local California industry.
- (33) Legislation designed to provide for the creation of a commission in support of California's great Central Valley project in accordance with the program planned by the Bureau of Reclamation, including the maintenance of the 160 acre limitation.
- (34) In order to coordinate the efforts of groups having a common interest in California's economic development, we call upon the Governor to sponsor legislation establishing a state Commission on Employment. This Commission should be composed of five persons representing industry, including agriculture, five persons representing labor, and five persons representing the state government. This Commission should be adequately staffed and financed. The Commission should have the power to establish such regional or special purpose sub-commissions as may be necessary.

## **RESOLUTION ON LABOR ISRAEL**

The Convention of the CIO-California Industrial Union Council extends its heartiest greetings to the organized labor movement in the State of Israel - Histadrut - and congratulates the citizens of that young republic on the splendid progress they have made during the two years of the existence of that state. Nearly 400,000 homeless Jews have been absorbed within the portals of the State of Israel in this brief period, and strenuous efforts have been made to provide them with homes and with productive jobs in agriculture and industry. The State of Israel has lived up to its pledge to receive the uprooted and distressed members of the Jewish people and to give them a permanent home, secure and dignified, based on the principles of democracy and social justice. Israel has truly become a beacon of liberty for the nations of the Middle East.

It is with great concern, however, that we note the process of military rearmament in the Middle East, whereby neighboring states, supplied by heavy weapons of an offensive character, are harming the chances for peace in that region of the world and threaten the existence of the State of Israel. We fully endorse the views expressed by President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, and President Philip Murray of the C.I.O., who in a joint statement to President Truman, called for a cessation of the armaments race in the Middle East which has

## **RESOLUTION ON LABOR ISRAEL (Cont.)**

been stimulated by the action of Great Britain in providing ultra-modern weapons of war to the Arab states. We join in the declaration of the leaders of American labor, that Israel be given an equal opportunity to provide for its defense and survival, as the present position in the Middle East becomes more precarious.

We further endorse the statement issued jointly by President Green and Murray recognizing "the Republic of Israel as a bastion of our hopes for strengthening the democratic processes in the Middle East. We have maintained close and friendly relations with Histadrut, the splendid labor federation of Israel, which is accomplishing so much for the well-being of its members and for the new state as a whole".

The Convention is particularly pleased to note the achievements of Histadrut in its manifold areas of activity, as the chief builder of the new state in which organized labor plays a leading role. In its thirtieth year, Histadrut has passed the quarter million membership mark, and cares for the direct needs of half a million members and dependents. Histadrut has succeeded in establishing trade unions in every line of work, affording Jews and Arabs alike the benefits and protection of organized labor. Histadrut operates industrial and agricultural cooperative enterprises, providing employment for thousands of new immigrants; vocational schools for training young people; educational and health institutions; cooperative housing projects; consumers' cooperatives; and other services for the welfare of the working population of Israel. The creative, pioneering forces embodied in Histadrut are engaged in a most inspiring undertaking that redounds not only to the benefit of the people of Israel, but to all mankind as well.

In order that Histadrut may continue its great efforts on behalf of the hundreds of thousands of immigrants streaming into their tiny land, and continue to fortify the position of trade unionism in the Middle East, American Labor, through the American Trade Union Council of the National Committee for Labor Israel, has pledged its full moral and financial support. The Convention unanimously affirms its solidarity with Histadrut, and calls upon all affiliated locals and members to extend maximum support to Histadrut during the 1950 Israel Histadrut Campaign.

This Resolution, together with another similar Resolution, was submitted to the Convention Resolutions Committee by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, and the Committee recommends the adoption of THIS Resolution.

## **RESOLUTION ON AMERICAN VETERANS COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the American Veterans Committee is an organization of veterans with a program more in line with the principles, program and policies of CIO; and

WHEREAS, the American Veterans Committee has adopted as a matter of policy and practice the principle of "citizens first, veterans second"; and

WHEREAS, the American Veterans Committee is an organization of veterans that has shown itself to be interested in those social and legislative issues and matters that are in the best interests of the general welfare of all the people and not veterans alone; and

WHEREAS, the National CIO has gone on record endorsing the American Veterans Committee and commending it on its policies and program and activities as a veterans organization;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That this convention go on record endorsing the American Veterans Committee and its program and instructing the newly elected officers of the Council to provide whatever aid and assistance it can toward the maintenance and support of the American Veterans Committee in California.

## **RESOLUTION ON HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS TO PERMIT THE UNION SHOP AND CHECKOFF UNDER THE RAILWAY LABOR ACT**

WHEREAS, the Railway Labor Act, conceived and written over twenty years ago, now prohibits the Union Shop and Checkoff for all the workers in our nation's airlines and our nation's railroads, and is in this respect obsolete, since it is far more restrictive on Labor than the Taft-Hartley slave labor law governing other national industries; and

WHEREAS, workers have overwhelmingly favored the Union Shop in elections supervised by the National Labor Relations Board; and

WHEREAS, the Union Shop promotes stability in collective bargaining and labor-management relations; and

WHEREAS, the Union Shop operates to prevent minority control of unions by those misleaders of American Labor who owe allegiance elsewhere, and is a powerful force for true democratic trade unionism; and

WHEREAS, the Checkoff is a natural corollary of the Union Shop, and a practical way of effecting the Union Shop, both from the point of view of labor and the point of view of management;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the first annual Convention of the CIO-California Industrial Union Council demands that in the national interest and in justice to the workers under the Railway Labor Act, these workers be permitted the Union Shop and Checkoff; and urges the prompt passage of H. R. 7789 or S. 3295, both now before Congress, which will amend the Railway Labor Act to so provide; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That copies of this Resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Senators and Congressmen of California, the Sponsors of these bills, and the United States Department of Labor.

This Resolution submitted to the Convention Resolutions Committee by the Transport Workers Union of America and joined by Harold Shapiro, and the Committee recommends this Resolution be adopted in lieu of a similar one submitted by the United Railroad Workers of America, Local 1577.

## **RESOLUTION ON PRACTICE OF CROSS-FILING BY CANDIDATES**

WHEREAS, the present practice of cross-filing on the part of candidates in California Primary Elections is destroying the original intent of the Direct Primary Elections, and

WHEREAS, this practice gives to Candidates privileges and rights denied to the registered voters, and

WHEREAS, this practice will eventually destroy partisan politics and overthrow our two major party political system, and

WHEREAS, this practice causes confusion to the voters and in particular causing confusion, bewilderment, uncertainty and perplexity to the millions of newcomers to California, and

WHEREAS, the voters of California are demanding that this practice be abolished, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the CIO-California Industrial Union Council, in convention assembled, empower and authorize its incoming officers and Executive Board to take all the steps necessary to immediately start a petition to place upon the November 1950 General Election Ballot a proper measure to abolish the practice of cross-filing on the part of Candidates in Primary Elections, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Administrative Officers of the CIO-California Industrial Union Council enlist the help and services of the California Democratic Party Organizations, AFL, Railroad Brotherhood, Farmers Grange, Pension group and other legitimate liberal organizations in California to circulate the petitions, and be it

## **RESOLUTION ON PRACTICE OF CROSS FILING BY CANDIDATES (Cont.)**

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That copies of these resolutions be given to the press.

This resolution submitted to the Convention Resolutions Committee by Harlan L. Savage, President, District Council 1, Oil Workers International Union, and the Committee recommends its adoption.

## **RESOLUTION ON THE TAFT-HARTLEY ACT**

The infamous Taft-Hartley Act has been in operation now for almost three (3) years. At its inception, the CIO predicted that the Act was designed to restrict legitimate union activities and to provide employers with anti-union weapons in their effort to weaken and destroy trade unions.

Experience under the law discloses that its most direct effect has been to hamper and obstruct the organization of the millions of unorganized workers in America. The Act has also encouraged the wholesale commission of unfair labor practices by employers bent on resisting union organization and recognition.

Another result of the law has been to maintain the gap between workers' living cost and earnings, and to encourage industry to deny wage increases and security for workers, despite soaring profits and continued high prices.

Reactionary employers have been afforded a new lease on life by the Act. Harking back to the bitter past, they have been motivated by the Act to attempt to smash organizations of their employees, to break down living standards, and to restore exploitation, the open shop, and the "yellow dog" contract.

This new technique reaches its zenith when employers concoct frivolous violations of the law by unions in order to obtain Federal intervention to destroy the morale of strikers and to break strikes.

Under the irresponsible and arbitrary administration of General Counsel Denham, employers, in effect, have been re-vested with the oppressive injunction weapon against strikes and peaceful picketing. Of fifty-six injunctions sought by the General Counsel of the NLRB up to June 30, 1949, fifty-four have been against unions and only two against employers. Many of the injunctions issued against unions were later determined by the Board to have been based on foundless charges by the employers and on fantastic theories of its General Counsel.

While refraining from adopting the extreme anti-labor position of General Counsel Denham, a majority of the NLRB generally has also been anti-labor. Many Board rulings vie with the Act itself in its strangling effects upon labor.

In an effort to extend the scope of the iniquitous Act as widely as possible, the office of the General Counsel of the Board has intervened in local situations and deliberately obstructed peaceful and stable bargaining relationships initiated under various State laws.

The administrators of the Act have not hesitated to weaken unions by demanding that local bargaining agencies rather than International Unions be placed on the ballot in representation elections.

The Board has warped the free speech provisions of the law so that they serve as virtually no protection to labor organizations. In contrast employers have been permitted to exploit these provisions for the purpose of openly and deliberately interfering in elections in order to destroy the right of workers to vote for an organization of their own choice. Under the Board's decisions free industrial elections have been made a shambles.

The most vicious effects of Taft-Hartley were evident in 1948, and the people voted to repudiate this Act when they elected President Truman. However, a fraud has been perpetrated on the public by the unholy alliance of reactionary Southern Democrats and Republicans in Congress which rejected the mandate to repeal Taft-Hartley.

## **RESOLUTION ON THE TAFT-HARTLEY ACT (Cont.)**

The CIO is still as determined as it has been for the past three (3) years to secure the removal of that unjust law from the statute books, and there will be no slackening of our efforts to this end. Our position throughout has been that we will press forward, not only for the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act but for our ultimate objective - improvements in the Wagner Act to furnish additional and much-needed protection to labor's basic rights, and to insure fairness and equity in our federal labor policy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That with united determination we dedicate the affiliates of the CIO-California Industrial Union Council to the mission of obtaining a repudiation and repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and the restoration of the Wagner Act as the law of the land.

## **RESOLUTION ON CIO REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

WHEREAS, in the long battle to restore California CIO to trade union principles, CIO local and international unions have had the continuous, full co-operation, advice, assistance and leadership of Regional Directors of CIO, together with the National CIO's Department of Organization;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this founding convention of the CIO-California Industrial Union Council does commend Tim Flynn, Northern California CIO Regional Director, and Irwin L. DeShetler, Southern California CIO Regional Director, and does express "thanks for a job well done" from CIO trade unionists for their help in organization of this new State CIO Council.

This resolution was submitted by the Convention Resolutions Committee and the Committee recommends its adoption.

## **RESOLUTION ON RAILROAD EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS, the State of California Labor Code should provide sufficient protection to guard against the deplorable housing, sanitation, lighting and food problems of the railroad section laborer and others required to live under the same conditions in order to carry on the duties required of them as employees of the several railroads in this state; and

WHEREAS, there is a definite need for more room, better sanitation, bathing facilities and utilities, such as gas, electric lights and water brought into the quarters provided for said railroad section laborers, etc., employed on the several railroads operating within this state, if they are to be free from health hazards; raise their families in decency, as good Americans; and

WHEREAS, the commissary companies who furnish food to these section laborers, etc., that may be employed in "Railroad Extra Gang Camps", have always charged a sufficient amount for such food, to insure that the food as furnished should not be of poor quality; be served in a sanitary manner; that the housing as furnished and charged for by said commissary companies, shall be decent and fitting; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that these conditions existing for a number of years on the several railroads of this state, be eliminated as quickly as possible;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That this First Annual Convention of the CIO-California Industrial Union Council, fully subscribes to the amendment of the State Labor Code, to insure the complete elimination of the conditions as brought out in this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this First Annual Convention of the CIO-California Industrial Union Council, exert every means possible, particularly endorsing only such candidates for the State Legislature, who will support the amendment of the State Labor Code, to prevent these deplorable and unhealthful conditions, existing on the several railroads of this State.

## **RESOLUTION ON RAILROAD EMPLOYEES (Cont.)**

This resolution was submitted to the Convention Resolutions Committee by A. F. Hoppe, Executive Secretary, Local 1577, United Railroad Workers of America, CIO, merged with IUMSWA-CIO, Oakland and Los Angeles, California, and the Committee recommends its adoption.

## **RESOLUTION ON SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR**

WHEREAS the United States Merchant Marine is in a dying condition, and

WHEREAS the skills in the shipbuilding and ship repair industry are not being preserved because of lack of shipbuilding and ship repair, and

WHEREAS we should have a strong Merchant Marine for national defense and to preserve our position as a leading nation, and

WHEREAS this country is helping to build up Merchant Marine shipbuilding and ship repair in Japan, Italy, Germany and other foreign countries,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CIO-California Industrial Union Council go on record with notification to congressmen that a government plan be established on the domestic front to preserve the Merchant Marine and the Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Industry.

This Resolution was submitted to the Convention Resolutions Committee by the Local 9 delegation of the International Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers Union of America, and the Committee recommends its adoption.

## **FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING JUNE 5, 1950 RESOLUTION ON CURTAILMENT OF SERVICE**

WHEREAS, the recent curtailment order of the Postmaster General has put the burden of attempted savings on the general public, and

WHEREAS, such order will result in the lay-off of thousands of employees at a time when the unemployment situation is critical, and

WHEREAS, the taxpayer will be forced to face the necessity of taking care of the unemployed, and

WHEREAS, business, airlines, railroads, steamship lines, newspapers and Congress have been the cause of the deficit of \$500,000,000 in the Postal budget;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That this Convention of CIO-California Industrial Union Council condemn such curtailment order and so notify all California Congressmen and Senators, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Congress be requested to revise the subsidies allowed business through low postal rates and for transportation.

Submitted to the Convention Resolutions Committee by the San Francisco Postoffice Workers Local 1136, and the Committee recommends its adoption.

## **RESOLUTION ON POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT POLICY**

WHEREAS, the government and civic employees of Local 1136, San Francisco Post Office Workers Union, set as their major objective the improvement of wages, hours and working conditions in the Post Office Department; and

WHEREAS, Post Office workers have many justifiable demands that have not been met;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That we, the delegates to the CIO-California Industrial Union Council, assembled in Long Beach, California, June 3, 4 and 5, 1950, do hereby recommend to our incoming state officers and executive board that they do everything in their power to activate Congress to interest themselves in the working conditions which are notoriously bad in the Post Office service so that the employees of the Postal Service can enjoy

## **RESOLUTION ON POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT POLICY (Cont.)**

benefits that our workers have in private industry.

This Resolution is submitted by the Convention Resolutions Committee for adoption in lieu of several resolutions submitted by San Francisco Post Office Workers Union-CIO, Local 1136, after due consideration by the Committee.

## **RESOLUTION ON TRANSFER OF AMERICAN SHIPS TO FOREIGN REGISTRY**

WHEREAS: Shipping companies in order to evade American taxes and to avoid the more rigorous American safety regulations of their vessels have adopted the strategy of transferring their vessels to foreign registry while still retaining ownership by American citizens, and

WHEREAS: The transfer of these vessels have always been to a country with lower wages and inferior working and living conditions, in order to destroy the union conditions obtained by Seamen's Unions throughout the world, and

WHEREAS: This practice of transfer to foreign registry, particularly such countries as Honduras, Panama, and Liberia, while still maintaining American ownership has resulted in increased unemployment among the seafaring unions and by decreasing the amount of ships under the American flag represents a serious threat to the security of our country, and

WHEREAS: All the American seafaring unions, AFL, CIO, and Independent have banded together to fight against this union busting tactic of the shipowners, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the CIO-California State Industrial Union Council again bring this matter to the attention of the California delegation to the Congress of the United States, to the State Assembly and Senate and insist that proper steps be taken to correct this situation and be it further

RESOLVED: That the CIO-California State Industrial Union Council go on record pledging full support to the seafaring unions in their fight against this un-American action by some shipowners.

This resolution was submitted to the CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE by Max J. McLarin, Frank J. Hampl, and Charles Abar, Port Agents of the National Maritime Union, and the Committee recommends its adoption.

## **RESOLUTION ON HIRING HALLS**

WHEREAS, the hiring halls established by the seafaring unions are in jeopardy as a result of the use of the Taft Hartley Act by the National Labor Relations Board, and

WHEREAS, the seafaring unions have exhausted every legal step possible to retain the hiring halls, and

WHEREAS, the hiring hall has proven its value to the seamen by preventing profit hungry shipowners from continuing the shipping crimps, shipping off the dock, kickbacks and the shanghaiing of seamen, and

WHEREAS, the hiring halls have proven their value to the nation both in peace and war, first by giving seamen the dignity to become a good American citizen with a decent standard of living and secondly, by the effective way the merchant marine was manned through the hiring hall system in the last war, and

WHEREAS, the hiring halls have brought stability to the maritime industry even though employment in the industry has fallen to dangerous levels, and

WHEREAS, the destruction of the hiring halls would be a boon to the Communist Party, which still has its agents in the maritime industry, by enabling these foreign agents to exploit this grievance of the seamen, and

WHEREAS, the seafaring unions have exhausted every legal possibility to retain the benefits of the hiring hall and the question is now before Congress of the United States in the Magnuson-

## **RESOLUTION ON HIRING HALLS (Cont.)**

Lesinski amendment to the Taft Hartley act and that each member be furnished by the Council with copies of this resolution, and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the CIO-California Industrial Union Council go on record calling on all members of the California delegation of the Congress of the United States to support the Magnuson-Lesinski amendment to the Taft Hartley act and that each member be furnished by the Council with copies of this resolution, and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the CIO-Industrial Union Council offer all possible aid to any official action the seafaring unions might find it necessary to undertake to protect their hiring halls.

This resolution was submitted to the CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE by Frank J. Hampl, Max J. McLarin, Port Agents of the National Maritime Union, and the Committee recommends its adoption.

## **RESOLUTION ON AMERICAN RADIO ASSOCIATION, CIO**

**WHEREAS,** within the past month an attempt was made by the Pacific Maritime Association to destroy the security in employment of the members of the American Radio Association, CIO, by declaring the current labor contract between the Union and the Shipowners null and void, and

**WHEREAS,** notices to this effect were posted without prior notice to the Union on board vessels of member companies of the Pacific Maritime Association, representatives of the Shipowners, in addition to written notice by the Association to all its member companies, and

**WHEREAS,** The American Radio Association, CIO, by the action of the Shipowners, were locked out and in order to protect its members the Union was compelled to strike and placed pickets on the docks of all US ports, and

**WHEREAS,** The International officers of the ILWU and the MC&S, known left-wingers and Communist Party line adherents, made public statements both by circular and through their Union organ, to the effect that the Union's strike was a "phoney beef" and further preferred to take the word of the Shipowners and their attorneys as against the ARA, a Communist-free Maritime Union, in its gallant fight to preserve the integrity of the Union and its members, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That this Convention go on record condemning the anti-trade union tactics of the officers of the ILWU and MC&S by their resorting to complete distortion of the real issues for the sole purpose of belittling and demeaning the American Radio Association, CIO, in its fight against Communists in the CIO.

This Resolution submitted to Convention Resolutions Committee by American Radio Association, CIO, and the Committee recommends its adoption.

## **RESOLUTION ON REVISION OF PERMANENT DISABILITY RATING SCHEDULE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAWS OF CALIFORNIA**

**WHEREAS,** the California Industrial Accident Commission has recently undertaken to revise the Permanent Disability Rating Schedule of the Workmen's Compensation Laws of California, and

**WHEREAS,** this is the first revision of the Permanent Disability Rating Schedule since 1914 and the revised schedule will be of the utmost importance to members of CIO unions in California who suffer injuries on the job, and

**WHEREAS,** the new Permanent Disability Rating Schedule will be promulgated by the Industrial Accident Commission to take effect on July 1, 1950, and for the ensuing year, further revisions may be expected in the new schedule as a result of trial, be it hereby

**RESOLVED:** That this first annual Convention of the CIO-California Industrial Union Council hereby instructs the Council's incoming officers and Executive Board members to concern them-

## **REVISION OF PERMANENT DISABILITY RATING SCHEDULE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAWS OF CALIFORNIA (Cont.)**

selves with this highly important matter and to take such necessary steps as may be required to fully protect the interests of the members of CIO unions who are covered by the Workmen's Compensation Laws of California.

This Resolution submitted to Convention Resolutions Committee by United Steelworkers of America, CIO, Local 4028, Santa Clara, California, and the Committee recommends its adoption.

### **RESOLUTION ON AMALGAMATED LITHOGRAPHERS**

WHEREAS: Lithography and printing, although separate and distinct processes in the graphic arts, are often used interchangeably in the production of many kinds of printed matter and

WHEREAS: Lithographers are organized on an industrial basis in the Amalgamated Lithographers of America, CIO, and the printing crafts are organized in several AFL Unions, and

WHEREAS: The Amalgamated joined the CIO after bitter jurisdictional disputes with printing pressmen and other AFL affiliates of the Allied Printing Trades Council, and

WHEREAS: The Label of the Amalgamated has for years been recognized as the union label for lithography and has competed and is now competing with the Label of the Allied Printing Trades Council wherever lithography and printing are competitive, and

WHEREAS: The CIO and its affiliated unions use much printed matter bearing the AFL Allied Printing Trades Council label, which could be lithographed and bear the label of the Amalgamated Lithographers of America, CIO,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That this Convention urges upon the CIO and all CIO Unions the use, wherever possible of lithography bearing the label of the Amalgamated, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution be brought to the attention of all the affiliated international unions of the CIO-California Industrial Union Council with a request that they make its contents known to their affiliated bodies.

This resolution was submitted to the CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE by the Amalgamated Lithographers of America, and is recommended by the Committee for adoption.

### **RESOLUTION ON OPPOSITION TO PUBLIC HOUSING INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, there is now being circulated for qualifying signatures an initiative constitutional amendment which would require a referendum before any low-rent housing project could be developed, constructed or acquired by any State public body; and

WHEREAS, said proposed initiative is being sponsored in accordance with instructions circulated on a national basis by known opponents of public housing; and

WHEREAS, a referendum on each project would result in harmful delay; and

WHEREAS, each referendum requiring a special election would cost the taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the present law as enacted by the Congress and President of the United States and supported by enabling legislation in the State of California, follows customary democratic procedure in requiring the approval of each project by the elected representatives of the people; and

WHEREAS, such referenda would be an unnecessary complication of present procedures; and

WHEREAS, the proposed initiative is a bold effort to restrict, if not to destroy, the entire public housing program;

## **RESOLUTION ON OPPOSITION TO PUBLIC HOUSING INITIATIVE (Cont.)**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the first annual Convention of the CIO-California Industrial Union Council does wholeheartedly express its opposition to this initiative.
- (2) That this Convention does hereby instruct the officers of the CIO-California Industrial Union Council to publicly announce its position on this initiative; further that all encouragement and assistance be given other groups in defeating this initiative.
- (3) That local CIO industrial union councils be encouraged to comply with the mandate of the Eleventh Constitutional Convention of the Congress of Industrial Organizations and assume leadership in their respective communities in combatting this new opposition to public housing.
- (4) That all members of local unions affiliated with the CIO-California Industrial Union Council are advised not to sign the initiative petitions and are encouraged to participate actively in a campaign to defeat this attack on the public housing program and
- (5) That the CIO-California Industrial Union Council reiterates its wholehearted support and endorsement of the public housing program as enacted by the Congress of the United States in the Housing Act of 1949.

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# *First Annual Convention Call*

## **CIO - CALIFORNIA INDUSTRIAL UNION COUNCIL**

### **Greetings:**

In accordance with the decision made by the CIO-California State Advisory Committee, which was appointed by President Philip Murray to work toward the establishment of a new State CIO Council "**which will work in the interest of California CIO members and in conformity with the policies and principles of CIO,**" you are hereby notified that the First Annual Constitutional Convention of the CIO-California Industrial Union Council will convene at the Municipal Auditorium, at Long Beach, California, on Friday, May 26, 1950, and will continue in session through Sunday, May 28, unless the business of the Convention is completed before that time.

### **Registration of Delegates and Visitors:**

Thursday, May 25, 1950, 2 p.m., at the Convention Hall (Committee Room No. 5, Municipal Auditorium).

or

Friday, May 26, 8:30 a.m., at the Convention Hall, Municipal Auditorium.

### **Representation at the convention will be based on the following:**

1. Only members in good standing with the International Union from which they are elected to represent shall be seated as delegates.
2. Local Industrial Unions with no International affiliation may elect delegates from their own Local Industrial Union.
3. Only accredited delegates to a City or County Industrial Union Council shall be permitted to carry the credential of such City or County Industrial Union Council.
4. Delegates to the convention shall be elected in conformity with the provisions governing the election of delegates to the International Convention of the International Union with which they are affiliated. Local Industrial Unions and City or County Councils will be governed in such elections by their own constitution or by-laws.
5. The basis of representation at the Convention shall be based on the per capita tax (4¢) paid for one (1) month preceding the Convention month (May 1950).
  - (a) For the purpose of convenience the month of March, 1950, will be used as the "preceding month."
  - (b) The local unions shall pay a per capita tax (4¢) to the new Council on the same **number of members** they will pay tax on to their respective International Unions for the month of March, 1950.
  - (c) Local Industrial Unions shall pay a per capita tax (4¢) to the new Council on the same **number of members** they will pay tax on to the National CIO for the month of March, 1950.
  - (d) City and County Industrial Union Councils may have two delegates and shall have two votes, providing they are affiliated with the CIO California Industrial Union Council and have paid their annual fee in the amount of \$25.00.
  - (e) Each Local Union shall be entitled to two (2) delegates for the first one hundred (100) members or less; and one (1) additional delegate for each additional one hundred (100) members or major fraction thereof. The voting strength of each Local Union shall be equally allocated among their seated delegates.
  - (f) A registration fee of \$3.00 for each delegate will be required to help defray the cost of the convention.

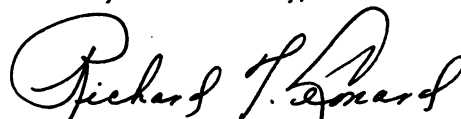
## **RESOLUTIONS**

Resolutions may be presented on any subject proper for consideration by the Convention. These may be sent by any affiliated Local Union, by any City or County Industrial Union Council or by any regularly elected delegate.

Each resolution shall deal with only one subject and two copies shall be mailed to Richard T. Leonard, Administrator, CIO-California Industrial Union Council, c/o CIO Regional Office, 1010 S. Broadway, Los Angeles 15, California, not later than May 8, 1950. They will then be delivered to the proper Committees of the Convention.

Any additional information desired may be obtained by writing to the above address.

Sincerely and fraternally,



Richard T. Leonard, Administrator

**CIO-CALIFORNIA INDUSTRIAL UNION COUNCIL**

Please note dates as corrected were June 3, 4 and 5, 1950.