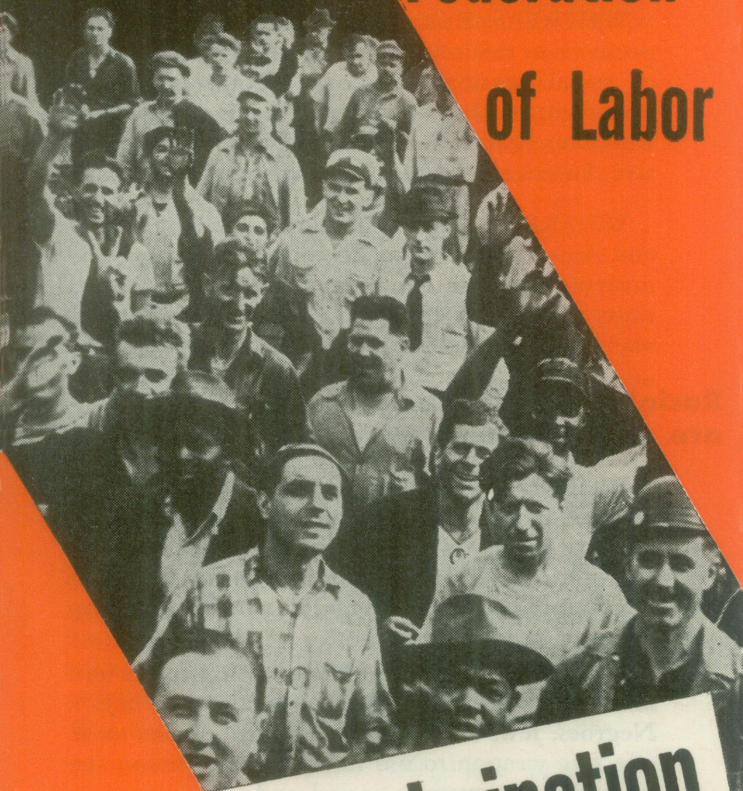


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The American

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The A. F. of L. fights discrimination

WHEREAS, Recent developments indicate the presence in this country of a considerable amount of racial tension, religious bigotry and anti-Semitism, setting Protestant against Catholic, Christian against Jew, white against colored, native Americans against foreign-born citizens, and

WHEREAS, Anti-Semitism as used by Hitler and Axis-inspired elements to sow dissension and mistrust in their effort to destroy the national unity so necessary to our successful conduct of this war and the conclusion of a firm, just peace, and

Racial and religious prejudice are against union principles!

WHEREAS, Racial and religious discord plays into the hands of the enemies of organized labor who are trying to bring about the repeal or emasculatation of the liberal social legislation added to our statute books and to tear down the American standard of living, and

WHEREAS, The same labor-baiting forces will find group prejudice directed against Catholics, Negroes, Jews and other minorities an even more effective weapon to use in attempts to smash the unions in the postwar period, and

Racial and religious prejudice are used by anti-labor forces to divide the workers!

WHEREAS, The American Federation of Labor, offering by its very existence living proof of the great good that comes of various groups working together toward one common goal, has always contended that discrimination against minorities is inconsistent with the principles of democracy, which is the cornerstone of a free labor movement, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 64th Annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor, held in the city of New Orleans, November, 1944, issue a warning to the American people against the danger of allowing the wave of racialism to rise in this country, and against the evil of discriminating against minorities; no matter who practices the discrimination and against what group it is directed, and be it further

Racial and religious prejudice are undemocratic!

RESOLVED, That the unions affiliated with the A. F. of L. be particularly cautioned to be on guard in their readjustment to postwar conditions, lest they fall victim to the disruptive attempts of the union-wreckers whose interests bigotry serves, and be it further

RESOLVED, That this convention demand the immediate abolition of the poll tax and the establishment, by act of Congress, of a permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission, authorized to eliminate discrimination because of race, color, religion or national origin, in private industry as well as in government work, and be it further

Racial and religious prejudice weaken our unions!

RESOLVED, That the unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor be urged to wage an unrelenting struggle against groups responsible for spreading the poison of anti-Catholicism, anti-Protestantism, anti-Semitism, anti-Negroism and other forms of racial prejudice, and that the Executive Council give all possible support to the international and local unions in undertaking and carrying out an educational program calculated to promote tolerance, understanding, and amity among the various groups comprising the family of American organized labor.

Resolution adopted at the 64th Annual Convention, November, 1944, of the American Federation of Labor condemning racial and religious bigotry and discrimination against minorities.



**William Green, President
The American Federation of Labor**

"The faces of all working men and women must be turned everlastingly against racial and religious discrimination and in favor of freedom, liberty, equality and democracy.

"Prejudice and intolerance are crimes against democracy."

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