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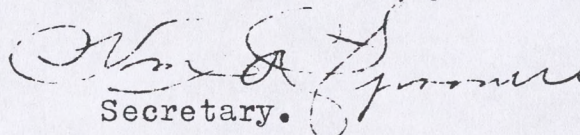
June 9, 1936.

To the Affiliated Unions.

Greetings:

I am enclosing herewith copies of three resolutions which were adopted by the Central Labor Council of Alameda County at a regular meeting held June 1, 1936. Will you kindly give these resolutions the attention they merit and be so kind as to advise this office as to your action regarding same? Trusting to hear from you relative to the subject matter, believe me to be

Fraternally yours,

  
Secretary.

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## DISCRIMINATION AMONG WORKERS

WHEREAS, The recent industrial upheaval in America shows the desire of Negro workers to be organized and to fight side by side with their white brothers, and also the disposition and desire of the employing class to utilize Negro workers as a reserve force to hold back the rising tide of a militant labor movement, seeking to establish industrial democracy as we now have political democracy; and

WHEREAS, Many International Unions have found it indispensable to seek the support and cooperation of Negro workers to help them develop solidarity to hold their lines and advance their lines in the interest of securing day-to-day improvements in working conditions, wage increase and shorter hours; and

WHEREAS, Race discrimination and Jim-Crowism are means of dividing workers and weakening their forces; and

WHEREAS, In all struggles, the Negro workers, when treated justly, fight shoulder to shoulder with white workers, as for example, in the West Coast Marines strike, the Alabama Metal Mines strike, and the great general strike of the Textile Workers;

WHEREAS, It has long since been recognized by Organized Labor in America that the freedom of the white worker cannot be won without the freedom of the black worker; and

WHEREAS, Some organizations affiliated with this Council have refused to organize certain businesses because they employ Negro workers, although their constitutions permit them to organize Negro workers; and

WHEREAS, Business establishments have been advised to take advantage of this situation, by employing a mixed crew, so as to keep the place from being organized, and

WHEREAS, The fifty-fifth convention of the A.F. of L. assembled in Atlantic City, New Jersey, realizing the danger of forcing Negroes into a dual organization, adopted resolutions calling upon all affiliated organizations to carry on a campaign of education of white workers to bring to them the necessity of solidarity in the ranks of the workers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Central Labor Council of Alameda County call upon its affiliated locals that bar Negroes from membership in any way or discriminate against them, to take up the Negro question in their locals



for the purpose of harmonizing constitutions, rules and practices to conform with the oft-repeated declarations of the A.F. of L. conventions on equality of treatment of all races within the Trade Union Movement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Central Labor Council refuse to place establishments that have non-white workers on the Unfair List, where the organizations concerned have the power to organize all the workers, but refuse to do so.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Educational Committee be created for the purpose of studying the Color question and being available for any Local which might desire speakers on the subject.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be published in the East Bay Labor Journal, and copies be sent the Executive Council of the A.F. of L. Weekly News Service, The National Headquarters of all organizations that discriminate against workers because of their color.

California State Federation of Labor, Building Trades Council and the Workers Education Bureau.

Fraternally submitted,

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Adopted by the Central Labor Council of Alameda County,  
June 1, 1936.

  
  
Secretary.