

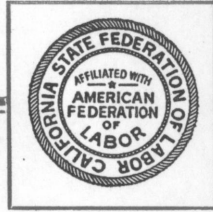
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AFL CHIEF WARNS RUSS U.S. WORKERS WILL FIGHT SOVIET IMPERIALISM

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--President William Green opened the 70th convention of the American Federation of Labor this Monday in San Francisco with a fiery pledge that the 8,000,000 members of the giant AFL would never submit to the expanding imperialism of Soviet Russia, and in event of war would fight to the last to assure American victory over the Communist empire.

Green also pledged the opposition of the AFL to the anti-labor Congressmen who have shaped most of the nation's mobilization policies.

In his militant keynote speech to the 700 AFL delegates, Green hammered on the following major policies:

(1) The United States must achieve a clear and honorable triumph in Korea.

(2) American workers will continue to repudiate the slave-state ambitions of Soviet Russia and will support the U.S. in any possible war with the Soviets.

(3) Free American labor must use its voting strength to cleanse Congress of Big Business politicians and elect those who will recognize the needs of the great masses of the people.

(4) The soaring cost of living has been unchecked by the Defense Production Act.

(5) Congress must repeal the Taft-Hartley Act which has brought the stamp of Soviet labor control to the U.S.

(6) The AFL will continue to use its two sacred weapons, "the strike and the ballot", to protect the welfare of America.

Other opening day speakers at the San Francisco convention included Governor Earl Warren, Mayor Elmer Robinson of San Francisco, C. J. Haggerty and Thomas L. Pitts, top officers of the State AFL, George W. Johns, secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council, Irving Brown, AFL representative in Europe, Nelson Cruikshank, director of the European Labor Division of ECA, Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin, and Congressman Franck Havenner of San Francisco.

The convention was called to order at 10:00 o'clock Monday morning by Jack Goldberger, president of the San Francisco Labor Council. The Most Reverend Hugh A. Donohoe, auxiliary Catholic Bishop of San Francisco, gave the invocation.

Following opening day addresses, the delegates prepared for full business sessions of the convention which are expected to encompass such vital issues as AFL political action plans and means of controlling inflation.

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AFL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CALLS FOR MOBILIZATION REFORMS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The 223-page Executive Council report submitted to the 70th convention of the American Federation of Labor this week in San Francisco, covered the full range of domestic and foreign problems now before the nation.

On the home front the AFL administration particularly urged more effective price controls over foods, including a food subsidy program; tougher rent controls; a crackdown on the enforcement of price controls; greater control over the quality of products under price control; a dollar and cents ceiling instead of controlled margin; elimination of "unnecessary" exemptions from price controls; liberalized credit controls on moderate priced housing; and "more democratic participation" in the mobilization program.

Warning that Soviet Russia is merely "buying time" for an attack on the U.S., the executive body declared America must enjoy military

power adequate to its task of defending freedom against Soviet aggression.

However, the council cautioned that additional "careful study" was required to determine its position on the right of the government to declare war without consent of Congress and to place drafted citizens under United Nations command.

The council also questioned the justice of blanket military exemptions for college students.

Continuance of close relations with the free labor movements of other continents was urged as the most effective labor weapon against the slavery of communist or fascist states.

The report was signed by President William Green, Secretary-Treasurer George Meany, and the 13 vice presidents of the Executive Council.

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LOS ANGELES MUSICIANS
WIN NATIONAL PRESS HONORS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Top recognition for the Los Angeles Musicians' monthly magazine and election of C. J. Haggerty as vice-president highlighted California activities of the 40th annual International Labor Press of America convention held in San Francisco September 14-16.

The AFL press organization was founded by Samuel Gompers in 1911 and held its 1951 conference just prior to the opening of the 70th convention of the parent body.

Following three days of workshop and business sessions, President William Green of the AFL, and Matthew Woll, ILPA president, presented awards for 1951 press competitions at the annual association banquet held in the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, Sunday night, September 16.

"Overture", the monthly magazine of Los Angeles Musicians Local 47 won first prizes for both "Editorial Excellence" and "Typography and Presswork" in the national competition. "Overture" also won second prize in the "Best Front Page" category.

Matthew Woll, AFL executive council member and president of the press group, presided at the awards banquet. Principal speakers of the evening were Albert Hayes, president of the International Association of Machinists, Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin, ILPA secretary-treasurer Lewis M. Herrmann, and President Green.

C. J. Haggerty, executive officer of the California AFL, was elected ILPA vice president at the Sunday afternoon elections. The ILPA executive council is comprised of President Woll, Secretary-Treasurer Herrmann, and nine vice presidents.

The full list of 1951 contest winners follows:

- Class 1-A - Editorial Excellence - International Union publications, news or magazine format -
- 1st prize - The Butcher Workman
 - 2nd prize - "Justice" (International Ladies Garment Workers' Union)
- Class 1-B - Excellence in Typography and Presswork - International Union publications, news or magazine format -
- 1st prize - Electrical Workers' Journal
 - 2nd prize - Bakers' and Confectioners' Journal
- Class 2-A - Editorial Excellence - Local Monthly papers -
- 1st prize - "Overture", Los Angeles Musicians' Union #47
 - 2nd prize - New Jersey Labor Herald
- Class 2-B - Excellence in Typography and Presswork - Local monthly papers -
- 1st prize - "Overture", Los Angeles Musicians' Union #47
 - 2nd prize - "Retail Clerks' Advocate" - Retail Clerks' International Association
- Class 3-A - Editorial Excellence - Local Weekly papers -
- 1st prize - Kentucky Labor News, Louisville, Ky.
 - 2nd prize - Oregon Teamster, Portland, Oregon
- Class 3-B - Excellence in Typography and Presswork - Local Weekly papers -
- 1st prize - Oregon Teamster, Portland, Oregon
 - 2nd prize - Kentucky Labor News, Louisville, Ky.
- Class 4 - - Best Single Editorial
- 1st prize - Electrical Workers' Journal
 - 2nd prize - The Butcher Workman

Class 5 - - Best Original Cartoon

1st prize - Machinists' Monthly Journal
2nd prize - "Justice" (ILGWU)

Class 6-A - Best Front Page - News Style

1st prize - Cleveland Citizen
2nd prize - New England Teamster, Boston, Mass.

Class 6-B - Best Front Page - Art or Pictorial

1st prize - "The Public Employee", State, County &
Municipal Empl. Union
2nd prize - "Overture", Los Angeles Musicians' Union #47

Class 7 - - Best Feature Article

1st prize - The Paper Maker - "Snapshot of a Mill Town"
2nd prize - Building Service Employee - "Uncle Sam's
Bargain Basement".

Class 8 - - Best Special Column

1st prize - "Short Turns" - Motorman, Conductor, and
Motor Coach Operator
2nd prize - "Not for Publication", New Jersey Labor Herald

Class 9 - - Best Community Project

1st prize - "The News Review", Charlestown, W. Va.
2nd prize - "Baltimore Federationist", Baltimore, Md.

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MCDEVITT NAMED TO SUCCEED
KEENAN AS LLPE DIRECTOR

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--James L. McDevitt, president of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, was this Monday named director of Labor's League for Political Education, official political vehicle of the national AFL organization.

The administrative committee of the LLPE, meeting in the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, named the 52-year old McDevitt to succeed Joseph D. Keenan, former chief of the LLPE who was earlier this year elected secretary-treasurer of the AFL Building Trades department. Keenan was recently appointed chief labor advisor to the Defense Production Administration.

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