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AFL RETURNS GREEN, MEANY; PLANS FOR 1952 ELECTIONS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Unanimously returning William Green, George Meany and the incumbent executive council to office, the 70th convention of the American Federation of Labor rolled to a harmonious close this Tuesday with the ringing call for greater political action still echoing through San Francisco's Civic Auditorium.

Both President Green and Secretary-Treasurer Meany were given thunderous ovations on their re-election at Tuesday's windup session.

Political action was firmly cemented into the AFL structure through a decision to make political education a permanent function of the parent organization. Hereafter, all monies for political education will come directly from the treasury of the AFL. Earlier, the convention had boosted the per capita tax payment due the national body from three to four cents per month.

In its special political session held Monday morning, the convention unanimously adopted a program for Labor's League for Political Education asking for a \$1.00 per member voluntary contribution for national campaigns; intense state drives for local elections; immediate probing for suitable candidates in each state; and an all-out registration rally in every local union.

In a major address to the political league conference, Secretary-Treasurer Meany declared the streamlined national push for a minimum voluntary contribution of \$1.00 would be handled through International Unions, but that contributions would be forwarded directly to the national League by local unions. The League will thus assume all bookkeeping responsibilities.

Meany urged state political leagues to sponsor their own contribution campaigns. In 1950, state units were requested to refrain from such appeals since the financial plan of the national body called for \$2.00 contributions, with one-half of the collected funds being returned to the state leagues.

The convention also heard from Joseph D. Keenan, retiring chief of the national LLPE and present secretary-treasurer of the Building Trades Department.

Keenan reviewed the 1948 and 1950 election experience, listing Senator William Knowland of California as among the notorious enemies of organized labor who voted the Taft-Hartley Act into existence during the rule of the 80th Congress.

He then named 19 other U.S. Senators who voted for Taft-Hartley and will face election tests in 1952.

Addresses to the league session were also delivered by James L. McDevitt, newly named director of the LLPE, and Richard F. Walsh, general president of the IATSE and member of the LLPE administrative committee.

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LLPE REVEALS CONGRESSIONAL VOTING RECORDS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Labor's League for Political Education this week gave delegates to the 70th AFL convention in San Francisco the low-down on members of the 82nd Congress.

In a 22-page brochure issued to all delegates, the League exposed the voting records of the Senators and Congressmen on 10 test issues, dating from June, 1949, through July, 1951.

Senator William Knowland of California voted against labor nine out of ten times, while Senator Richard Nixon voted wrong five out of eight times since his election in November of 1950.

California Congressmen with perfect voting records are John F. Shelley (D. 5th District), former president of the state AFL; Clyde Doyle (D. 18th District); Franck R. Havenner (D. 4th District);

Chet Holifield (D. 19th District); Cecil R. King (D. 17th District); George P. Miller (D. 6th District); Sam Yorty (D. 14th District).

Those with only one bad labor vote were Claire Engle (D. 2nd District); Clinton D. McKinnon (D. 23rd District); Harry R. Sheppard (D. 21st District).

Unfailing enemies of labor among the California delegation were Jack Z. Anderson (R. 8th District); Allan Oakley Hunter (R. 9th District); Hubert B. Scudder (R. 1st District); and Thomas H. Werdel (R. 10th District). All five voted against labor on every recorded issue.

Voting against labor on every occasion save one, were John J. Allen, Jr. (R. 7th District); Carl Hinshaw (R. 20th District); Gordon L. McDonough (R. 15th District); John Phillips (R. 22nd District).

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AFL URGES JUST
AND PERMANENT PEACE

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Appealing to the nations of the earth to establish a just and lasting peace, the 70th convention of the American Federation of Labor this week adopted an 11-point foreign policy statement calling for treaties with free Germany and Austria and amendment of the peace treaty with Italy.

Delegates at the San Francisco convention of the AFL unanimously adopted the following preamble to the foreign policy program:

"Meeting at this critical hour in the life of nations, the 70th convention of the AFL unequivocally declares that the first desire of American Labor and the American people is world peace.

"Our paramount duty is to promote and preserve peace, to strengthen the forces of peace and to create the conditions which will assure enduring peace."

The report called for:

1. A treaty guaranteeing the federal German republic "its unconditional sovereignty and complete independence."

2. Greater American aid to the "genuine democratic" forces in Germany - especially to the German Federation of Labor.
3. A peace pact - with or without Russia - between the western powers and Austria.
4. Revision of the Italian treaty "in recognition of its utter injustice and its incompatibility with Italy's membership in the Atlantic alliance."
5. Invitations to Greece and Turkey to join the North Atlantic Treaty organization.
6. An appeal to Middle East nations to arrange a mutual security pact, which would provide for joint efforts in effecting social reforms.
7. Fresh efforts to "resume peace negotiations with the aggressors (in Korea) provided the truce conference is transferred to a truly neutral area outside and away from the scene of military struggle."
8. Assistance to "the developing democratic resistance movement on the Chinese mainland, to the furtherance of democratization of the constitutional regime on Formosa and the strengthening of Nationalist military forces."
9. Establishment of a United States commission of labor, management, farm and public representatives to formulate a readjustment program for the nation's economy when the peak in armament production is attained.
10. Application of President Truman's Point Four program--to aid retarded nations--"with full agreement of the peoples helped."

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U.S. RECOGNIZES AFL ROLE IN AIDING FREE WORLD

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Recognition of the AFL's support of the international program of the Economic Cooperation Administration was given officially at the 70th convention of the labor body, when AFL President William Green was presented with an award of merit in San Francisco's Civic Auditorium by William H. Joyce Jr., assistant administrator of ECA.

In his address to the convention, Joyce made particular reference to the AFL's fight against slavery, its historic interest in free trade unions, and its efforts to bring all workers a more abundant life.

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USF OPENS ANNUAL
LABOR SCHOOL

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.---The annual Labor-Management School of the University of San Francisco will open Tuesday evening October 2nd, on the USF campus.

Registration will be held Saturday, September 29, from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

The school is available to union members and representatives of management.

The courses offered include Employment Problems, Human Relations in Industry, Recent Developments in Taft-Hartley and California Labor Law, the American Labor Movement-History and Background, Workmen's Compensation and Unemployment Insurance, Labor-Management Economics, Parliamentary Practice, and Public Speaking.

AFL members of the faculty include George Johns, secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council and Jeffery Cohelan, secretary-treasurer of the Milk Drivers' and Dairy Employees' Local 403, Oakland.

No tuition fees will be charged nor are previous educational credits required.

A Certificate of Completion will be awarded to those finishing the courses which conclude November 22.

Further data may be obtained by writing the Director, Labor-Management School, University of San Francisco, San Francisco 17, or phoning the Director's office, SKyline 2-1000.

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