

# WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

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### GREEN CALLS FOR MOBILIZATION OF LABOR

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, this week demanded total national preparedness for "any eventuality"--including mobilization of labor.

In a statement released to the press of the nation, the AFL chief declared: "We find ourselves facing a situation with the implications of a third world war. For preparedness for front-line service and for the safety of our civilian population at home and at work, every able-bodied citizen must find his responsibility and make good.

"There will be no sidelines secure from bombing. There must be a mobilization of labor.

"Our unions are ready and competent to cooperate in that responsibility as free citizens should.

"When the President took leadership in the Far Eastern crisis, he served notice that much as we value peace we value more the principles that underlie our way of life."

The Green policy statement followed the earlier issuance of a seven-point program of action by the Free Trade Union Committee of the AFL.

In an emergency declaration, the committee, headed by Vice President Matthew Woll, urged the following steps be taken to halt Soviet aggression in South Korea and thereby "assure the peace and security of the entire world":

1. UN, in accordance with its charter, should render all aid to Korea.
2. UN to appeal to the Soviet Union "to order its puppet North Korean regime to halt its invasion and withdraw forthwith" north of the 38th parallel.

3. If this UN appeal is flouted, full diplomatic and economic sanctions against the Soviet Union and North Korea should be taken.

4. Conclusion of a treaty of mutual aid between the U.S. and Korea and "undertake to mobilize and equip its citizenry to chase the Russian-led invaders across the frontier from which the communist attack was launched."

5. Provide military supplies and personnel essential to defeat any communist assault on Formosa.

6. "In view of the experience in Czechoslovakia, Germany, China and Korea with the communist fifth column as an auxiliary of the Soviet government in its policy of subversion and imperialist expansion against all free countries, the Departments of National Defense, State and Justice--together with a commission of private citizens representative of labor, management, the farmers and the public--should be charged with preparing an effective democratic program to uproot, paralyze and eliminate all such traitorous agents, agencies and activities from our country."

7. An address by President Truman before a joint session of the House and Senate in support of the above program "in order to impress upon the American people the gravity of the crisis."

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WRIGHT LAUDS U. S. LABOR AT  
SAN FRANCISCO CONVENTION

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--American labor has made an important contribution in the world fight against communism, Assistant Secretary of Labor Ralph Wright declared at the 26th biennial convention of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders (AFL), which opened here this Monday at the Fairmont Hotel.

The cold war fought by the Communists might already have been lost had it not been for the "immense effort and the high prestige of the American labor movement fighting on the side of freedom," Wright declared.

"The labor movement in the United States backs President Truman in his courageous stand to support the victims of Communist attack in all parts of the world. This means support for all forms of assistance to the South Koreans in their defense against armed aggression by Communists, as well as support for the enemies of communism in the rest of the democratic world, where armed attack has not yet been attempted."

A somber note entered the convention proceedings when John B. Haggerty, international president, suffered a heart attack while addressing the Monday morning session. He was immediately placed under the care of physicians.

Greetings to delegates were extended by C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, and Jack Goldberger, president of the San Francisco Labor Council.

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#### RETAIL SALES UP IN CALIFORNIA

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--Retail sales in California increased 244 percent from 1939 to 1948 against a 211 percent increase for the nation as a whole, according to preliminary releases published last week by the U. S. Department of Commerce.

The number of retail outlets showed little change in the United States, but there was an 8 percent gain in California. The number of wholesale establishments rose 26 percent in California and 21 percent in the nation.

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#### HAGGERTY, SHELLEY ATTEND LLPE MEET IN WASHINGTON

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, flew to Washington, D. C. early this week for an "important meeting" of the AFL Labor's League for Political Education.

The two-day conference was held July 18-19. Telegraphic summons were sent by AFL president William Green and secretary-treasurer George Meany to the president and secretary of all national and international unions and state federations, and to labor newspaper editors.

Congressman John F. Shelley, state Federation president, also attended the LLPE session which was held at the Washington Hotel in the national capital.

Purpose of the conference was to plan strategy and campaign methods for the hard congressional battles of the autumn. Main consideration was given to the coordinating of membership, financial and publicity resources of the American Federation of Labor to elect a liberal Congress in November.

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#### AFL WELCOMES LOBBY INQUIRY

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The facts about lobbying activities of the American Federation of Labor are on the public record, Labor's League for Political Education said this week through the "League Reporter," official news organ of the AFL political body.

The "League Reporter" made the comment in connection with charges that the House Committee on Lobbying Activities, headed by Rep. Frank Buchanan, should seek information on lobbying by labor unions and government departments.

"Anyone who wants to know how much the AFL spends for lobbying can go to the Clerk of the House and ask to see the AFL lobby report," the paper said.

"If anyone wants to know where LLPE gets its money and how it is spent, he can find out by reading LLPE financial reports, which also are filed with the House.

"Next, let's consider government bureaus. All their financial records are public. They're checked by the Comptroller General, who works for Congress. Their activities are just as open as the unions'.

"Finally, consider lobbying done by businessmen. It's common knowledge that businessmen are the principal backers of such groups as the Committee for Constitutional Government and the Constitutional Educational League. Yet these organizations put another lock on their financial records when some one asks them to tell all.

"What have they got to hide?"

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BOOK PORTRAYS JEWISH LABOR HISTORY  
IN AMERICA

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--"Jewish Labor in U.S.A.," an industrial, political and cultural history of Jewish labor--1882-1914, is just off the press. The author is a noted Jewish writer and journalist, Melech Epstein.

The book portrays the development of the American labor movement and the part played by the varied immigrant groups. Price per copy is \$5.50. Copies may be purchased through the Trade Union Sponsoring Committee, 22 West 38th Street, New York City.

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AFL LEADERS TO ATTEND TRANSPORT WORKERS CONGRESS

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--Eight U. S. labor leaders will attend the biennial Congress of the International Transportworkers Federation (ITF) in Stuttgart, Germany, July 21-27, it was announced this week by the U. S. Department of Labor. ITF is the trade secretariat for workers in transport industries in the free unions of the world, with more than 3½ million members in 29 countries.

Delegates from the United States will include: Captain Charles F. May, president of the National Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots of America, AFL; John Hawk, secretary-treasurer of the Seafarers' International Union, AFL; L. B. Snedden, vice president, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, AFL; David L. Behncke, president of the International Aire Line Pilots Association, AFL; Irving Brown, European representative of the AFL; and Patrick McHugh, secretary-treasurer of the Atlantic Fishermen's Union of the SIU-AFL.

Two hundred delegates are expected to discuss working hours in rail and road transport and relations with the new International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

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