

AFL POLICY TO BE NEUTRAL IN CITY ELECTIONS IN U. S.

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—(AP)—The American Federation of Labor will maintain a national policy of neutrality in the forthcoming municipal elections despite its new program to fight the Committee for Industrial Organization at the polls, President William Green said today.

In an interview which followed the first day of recess between negotiations for peace between the rival labor organizations, Green said local units of the federation will retain full autonomy of political decision Nov. 3 and until the next meeting of the federation's executive council next January. The A. F. of L. convention at Denver earlier this month unanimously agreed to oppose all political candidates sponsored by the C. I. O.

Green's statement was interpreted as tacit approval of the action of the New York state federation which is backing Fiorello H. La Guardia for re-election. La Guardia is sponsored by the American labor party, an off-shoot of John L. Lewis' non-partisan league.

"We will rely on the local unions, the city central bodies, and the state federations of labor to define their local political policies in local political campaigns this year," Green said.

"No general and national policy

will be formulated until the council meets."

The only possible chance for a change in the plan to extend the labor war between the federation and the C. I. O. into the political field would be an agreement on peace terms at the joint conference scheduled to resume next Thursday.

There was little hope for such a reunion. It was reported last night that Lewis had told a close friend that the negotiations were "all over—busted."

Behind-the-scenes attempts were being made to resuscitate the conference. Former assistant secretary of labor Edward F. McGrady, who recently accepted a position with Radio Corporation of America, conferred with Lewis by telephone from New York yesterday and later called at the president's temporary offices at Hyde Park, N. Y.

There were unconfirmed reports that George M. Harrison, chairman of the federation's peace conference committee, had gone to New York to see Sen. Robert F. Wagner, who is known to have submitted a peace formula to President Roosevelt.

The only indication of intervention by President Roosevelt was the proposed visit of Matthew Woll, one of the three federation negotiators, to the Hyde Park residence of Mr. Roosevelt.

The president invited Woll to meet with him at the suggestion of a "close friend," the United Press learned.

GETS DIVORCE

RENO, Nev., Oct. 29.—(AP)—Blonde Marcelle Edwards Manville obtained an uncontested divorce today from Thomas Franklin Manville, Jr., eccentric New York playboy and heir to a \$30,000,000 asbestos fortune.

ACCORD REACHED ON FARM CONTROL BILL AT CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—(AP)—Chairman Jones (D-Tex.) said today the house agriculture committee had reached a "general accord" on three major features of a farm control bill.

It was generally understood, he told reporters, that:

The present soil conservation program be continued, an "ever-normal granary" be established for those crops to which it is most adaptable, and any benefits paid farmers be on a basis of tilled acreage rather than production.

The chairman added the committee was making "progress on getting together," but it had not reached agreement on any specific legislative language.

He said members would meet again Monday.

The question of marketing quotas, penalties and processing taxes has not yet been covered, he added.

Chairman Fulmer (D-SC) of a subcommittee in charge of formulating provisions for cotton told reporters he would recommend cotton farmers be given soil conservation benefits, a subsidy of three cents a pound, and perhaps additional benefits to be paid from proceeds of a small processing tax.

Fulmer said he favored, application of the granary—the storing of surpluses for use in lean years—to the cotton crop.

Some spokesmen from cotton states, however, have argued cot-

ton should not be brought under the granary provisions because lean cotton crops are rare.

Members disagreed however, over making the proposed crop control program compulsory or voluntary.

They will not make a final choice until subcommittees have drafted all other details of a bill for presentation to the special session of congress.

Secretary Wallace has said definite control over surplus crops is essential to success of the proposed ever-normal granary program.

"If we have high loans (on stored crops)," he said, "then there is no question but that strong control should accompany them. Otherwise the government would let itself in for a tremendous loss."

The bumper cotton crop this year and large crops of corn and wheat have demonstrated the lack of this control, agriculture officials said, in the present soil conservation program.

Wallace said the public, farmers and congress must choose between voluntary and compulsory controls. The voluntary system, he explained, might continue benefit payments to farmers who comply with federal regulation. Compulsory control, he said, could be obtained if it was favored by a majority—probably two-thirds—of the farmers growing the product involved.

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SPANISH WAR IS HELD UP DURING FLOOD OF RIVERS

ZARAGOZA, Spain, Oct. 29.—(AP)—Insurgent and government armies on the broad Aragon front quit fighting each other today to combat a common enemy—a flood that sheeted wide areas in the valleys of the Ebro river and its tributaries.

The Gallego river, rushing down from the French frontier to join the Ebro at this insurgent base and old Aragon capital, was at its highest level in 20 years—21 feet above normal. The Ebro was 22 feet above normal. Heavy rains were responsible for the high water.

The Ebro flooded roads and railways in government territory near Huesca to the north, causing great damage. It filled trenches and drove the Valencia troops to higher ground.

Zaragoza was threatened and forced to take flood precautions similar to those taken in America's Ohio valley when the spring floods come.

Some of the recent principal battlegrounds of this front were under several feet of water. Hostilities were disrupted.

Government forces were driven out of positions near Sabinanigo, in the Jaca sector, in the headwaters area along the Gallego. Almost the entire fighting zone south of Zaragoza, along the Ebro, was one great lake.

(Dispatches from Madrid told of progress of the government plan

for the second transfer of the capital since the civil war began 15 months ago, including denial by Home Secretary Zugazagotia that the government was "fleeing" to Barcelona from Valencia.

(The government shifted to Valencia nearly a year ago when Generalissimo Francisco Franco's insurgents laid siege to Madrid.

(A government communique reported developments on the Madrid front were inconsequential but an insurgent communique received at Hendaye, France, told of destruction of insurgent fortifications in University city, on the northwestern edge of the city.

(The insurgents said Madrid militiamen attempted to attack after blowing up the west wing of the clinical hospital with a series of mines but fell back before the resistance of the insurgent troops, who had been using the building as a fortress.

(A Valencia defense ministry bulletin reported an insurgent seaplane fell flaming into the Mediterranean after anti-aircraft batteries at Portbou, the frequently bombed government railroad on the eastern French border, opened fire.

(The announcement said the plane headed for France, then attempted to alight on the water but caught fire before it could "sit down.")

BURNS FATAL
PORTLAND, Oct. 29.—William T. Jones, 47, died today of burns suffered when he fell from the roof of his home into a vat of boiling tar on October 10.

WORKMAN KILLED
ASTORIA, Oct. 29.—(AP)—Charles Leonard Aho, 55, of Nasse, was instantly killed when caught between decked logs at the Knappston sawmill Wednesday.

FORD MOTOR CO. SUED BY WORKERS

DETROIT, Oct. 29.—(AP)—Nine officers and members of the United Automobile Workers of America filed suit in Wayne county circuit court today asking \$1,000,000 damages from the Ford Motor Co. and Harry H. Bennett, Ford personnel director for injuries allegedly resulting from fighting near the Ford Rouge plant May 26.

The fighting accompanied an UAW attempt to distribute union literature at the plant gates. The suits name the Ford company, Bennett and other persons designated as agents or employees of the company.

Asking damages of \$100,000 each are Walter Reuther, president of the UAW west side local, Richard T. Frankenstein, assistant president of the UAW; Robert Kanter, Robert Sentman and Stella Michael. Damages of \$150,000 each are asked by Tony Marinovich and William Merriweather. Marinovich said his skull was fractured and Merriweather said his back was broken.

Henry Ford and Edsel Ford were not personally named in the suits.

Phillips Will Be Taken to Baker
Christie Phillips, one of the Baker youths arrested a few days ago by state police on a charge of

passing a bad check at Blue Bell will be taken to Baker to be held on a similar charge. It was reported at the police office Friday that check allegedly passed there for a very small amount. Rhoten, the other boy, has not been arraigned.

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DAYLIGHT HOLDUP BANDITS SOUGHT

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she shifted gears hurriedly and shot on down the road past a curve. The men evidently made no attempt to stop her, but climbed back into their own car and proceeded north.

The men centered their interest on her purse, which was found later by a state police officer, and Mrs. Jones escaped with \$38 she had been carrying in a coat pocket.

According to Mrs. Jones' description, both men were of large build, were masked in handkerchiefs and carried holstered revolvers which they used to force her to stop. One was clad in a dark blue suit and the other, in a lighter blue suit. According to Mrs. Jones, both had their hands covered with pieces of canvas fastened at the wrists.

Car Thought Seen
The black sedan was thought to have been seen shortly after the holdup by Carl Wilson, operator of a service station at the north end of Fifth street, as it sped past without stopping at a stop sign at that corner.

State police are blocking the McKenzie highway in an effort to halt the escape of the holdup men.

Mr. Jones is an employee of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company in Springfield.

Lloyd Pickard Dies
At Hotel in Astoria

Lloyd R. Pickard of Medford, a resident of Eugene for nearly 25 years, died suddenly Thursday evening at Astoria, when registering at a hotel there, according to word received Friday by Jack Luckey, secretary of the local Elks lodge.

Mr. Pickard was associated with the post office in Eugene and lived in Bend for a short time before going to Medford a few years ago. He was a member of the Elks lodge here, and the Masonic lodge at Bend.

Surviving are his wife, in Medford; one daughter, Mrs. Neville D. Biden of Medford, and a sister in Seattle. Funeral services are to be held in Seattle.

Don Blanding, Poet, To Be Here Saturday

Don Blanding, famous poet, will be in Eugene Saturday and will appear at the book department of Washburne's store to autograph copies of his books, it was announced Friday.

The noted poet is author of "Vagabond's House," and his most recent work is entitled "The Rest of the Road." Plans for his entertainment while in Eugene were made by officials of the store and others interested in literature.

Mr. Blanding will be in the book department of Washburne's from 2 to 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

"Back-to-Cities" Is Present Trend, Claim

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—(AP)—Increased industrial employment has reversed the "back-to-the-farm" movement of the depression, a survey by the bureau of agricultural economics disclosed today. Last year 1,166,000 persons moved from farms to cities while 719,000 persons moved from cities to farms. This was the first decrease in farm population since 1929.

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