

CIO, AFL Officials Seek Negotiation on Unification of Unions

Los Angeles — (U.P.)— CIO and AFL officials sought today to negotiate "as soon as possible" for unification of the two labor organizations.

Delegates to the 16th annual national convention of the CIO set the stage for merger discussions Tuesday when they endorsed by a standing vote a proposal directing CIO officials to work toward an early meeting for possible unification.

The united resolution was presented to the convention by the CIO members of the Joint AFL-CIO Unity Committee — CIO President Walter Reuther, President David J. MacDonald of the United Steelworkers of America and CIO Secretary - Treasurer James B. Carey. It stated:

"We direct the CIO members of the Unity Committee to continue the unity negotiations in the constructive spirit that has already been displayed."

Hopes To Meet Soon
Reuther said he hoped to schedule a meeting of the CIO-AFL Unity Committee sometime after Christmas and before the first of the year.

George Meany, president of the AFL, messaged Reuther following the unanimous convention vote, saying:

"I sincerely believe that the time is now ripe for acting toward that (unity) goal. It is my earnest wish that we can have a meeting of the full Unity Committee as soon as possible."

The resolution commended "constructive progress" already

made by the leaders of both unions toward a "single trade union center . . . which will preserve the integrity of each affiliated national and international union."

Says Problems Can Be Solved

McDonald said he was confident that all merger problems could be worked out satisfactory, adding that the advantages would far outweigh the disadvantages.

"When this new trade union center comes into being," McDonald said, "there will be another renaissance similar to that when the CIO came into being."

The resolution voiced approval of successful operation of the no-raiding agreement with the AFL, which "the CIO has always regarded as the touchstone of our larger goal of seeking organic unity."

"We commend the constructive progress that has been made by members of the Joint AFL-CIO Unity Committee and endorse their decision to create a single trade union center in America through the process of merger."

QUICK VACATION

South Royalton, Vt. — (U.P.)— It was a short vacation for Dr. Colin M. Robertson and his family this past summer. His son, Malcolm, developed an ear infection, son Jimmy stepped on a broken bottle and he himself suffered a recurrence of a throat infection. The family returned home after a one-day camping trip near Sherbrooke, Que.

McKay Resignation Rumor Surprises Ike

Washington — (U.P.)— A reporter asked President Eisenhower whether he cared to comment on "reports" that Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay will leave the Cabinet.

The President looked surprised and answered with a chuckle that it was a new one on him.

McKay Tells of Applications for Northwest Power

San Francisco — (U.P.)— Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay said today that private and public power companies in the Northwest have filed applications with the Federal Power commission for almost \$2,000,000,000 worth of construction.

The secretary, addressing the opening session at the 45th annual conference of the Western Forestry and Conservation association, said the new construction resulted from the administration's natural resources "partnership program."

He said the new construction will provide almost 6,000,000 kilowatts of additional power.

From Local Groups

"Over half these applications are from local public bodies," McKay said, "and most of the applications have been filed since announcement of the administration's program."

McKay said in a speech prepared for release today that the President considers the development of water resources "so important" that he established a Cabinet committee to set up policy.

McKay said the administration is urging the states to complete their selections of federal lands still due to them. All Western states have been granted certain public lands for educational and institutional purposes, McKay said.

Need for Mines

The secretary declared an efficient domestic mining industry is an essential part of national defense. "Twice within the last 15 years this country has been drawn into international conflicts without adequate supplies of the essential minerals and metals. This must not happen again," McKay emphasized.

Gov. Goodwin J. Knight introduced McKay and welcomed the delegates of the Western states and Canada.

1954 Cotton Crop 13,569,000 Bales

Washington — (U.P.)— The Agriculture department reported today that the 1954 cotton crop totaled an estimated 13,569,000 bales.

The estimate, the last of the year, was up 2.7 per cent from last month's forecast of 13,206,000 bales.

The government had hoped the current crop control program would hold production to 12,000,000 bales, but record yields per acre upset this calculation even though the farmers planted less than the acreage allotted them.

The estimate, in addition to being the last for the season, was the last before cotton farmers vote next Tuesday on whether they want to continue federal crop controls on their crop next year.

Brokerage Firm Sets Bonus for Christmas

New York — (U.P.)— The world's largest brokerage firm will distribute a Christmas bonus to its employees this week ranging up to 12 weeks pay plus \$200 for 20 year employees.

Merrill Lynch, Fenner and Beane said even employees with only three weeks service with the firm would be included.

The bonus payments will range from \$25 for those with less than two months service to 12 weeks salary plus \$200 for those with the firm 20 years or more.

DEMAND RESTATED

San Francisco — (U.P.)— Pierre Langlois' handlers demanded again today that the World Boxing Federation select officials for the Frenchman's title fight Dec. 15 against world middleweight champion Carl (Bobo) Olson. George Kantor, spokesman for the challenger, Tuesday said he took his case to state Athletic Commission Chairman Anthony Antenza and got a favorable response.

Cold and Cough Bothering Pope; Exercise Urged

Vatican City — (U.P.)— Vatican sources said today Pope Pius XII has a mild cold and a disturbing cough and is being encouraged to take exercise.

These sources said the Pope was walking unaided, but with a person standing near his side to prevent him from taking a bad fall.

Catholics Rejoice

News that the Pope was able to leave his sickbed and take even a few steps made Roman Catholics rejoice on this day, the closing of the Year of Mary, a "little holy year."

Thousands of pilgrims assembled in St. Peter's Square thought they saw the Pope appear at his bedroom window at noon and unleashed a deafening chorus of "Viva Il Pape" (Long Live The Pope).

But Vatican officials said later the figure they saw at the window was not that of the Pope.

Authoritative sources said the Pope is still very weak and not out of danger, even though he now is eating and retaining solid food.

Danger of Pneumonia

They said there is always the danger of pneumonia or other complications when aged persons fall ill. His heart remains in good condition, these authorities said, but his pulse fluctuates and is not entirely satisfactory.

Four doctors now attending the Pope plan to see him today or tomorrow to study his progress.

The Pope recorded a "Hail Mary" yesterday for broadcast to the world this afternoon to close the Roman Catholic Marian Year which he opened in person a year ago today at Rome's Basilica of St. Mary Major.

Don Nichols Named President of 4-H Leader Association

Gold Hill — About 200 Jackson county 4-H leaders, junior leaders and guests attended the annual leaders' banquet last night at the Gold Hill Grange, according to 4-H extension agents.

Don Nichols, Bellview, was elected 1955 president of the leaders association. Others included John Bohnert, Central Point, reelected vice-president; Mrs. Cathryn Gibson, Howard club, secretary, and Leonard Freeman, Antelope club, reelected treasurer.

Pins and Certificates
Service pins or certificates were presented to the leaders by Allan Perry, manager of the U. S. National Bank, Medford branch, Miss Lucy Gardener, Antelope club, was master of ceremonies for the program, which included vocal selections by Miss Beverly Nelson, Griffin creek, recent county winner in the Ted Mack amateur contest, and magic tricks by John Foley, Howard club. Dale Smith, Central Point, led group singing.

Guests introduced included Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hedberg, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wendt, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lytle, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Henson, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Jossy, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kunzman, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bigham, Mrs. Allan Perry, R. G. Fowler, Miss Eula Wintermote and Judge Rodney Keating.

A list of achievement awards will be published in Thursday's Mail Tribune.

New Multnomah DA Picks Staff Members

Portland — (U.P.)— William Langley, newly-elected Multnomah county District Attorney, yesterday named 10 of the 12 staff members who will work with him when he takes office next month.

Five holdovers from the staff of John B. McCourt, who was defeated by Langley were named. Holdover deputies are Thomas B. Brand, Horace Fenton, Olive Zimmerman, Manche I. Langley and Joseph L. Labadie.

Howard R. Loneragan was named to head the criminal division. Other new staff members are Willis West, Glenn Guerts, Gale A. Lockhart Jr., and Nathan J. Ail.

Record Bid Made for Linn County Timber

Salem — (U.P.)— The M and M Wood Working company of Albany made a record bid of \$55 a thousand board feet for 2,888,000 feet of Douglas fir timber in the Quartzville creek drainage area of Linn county at an auction of Bureau of Land Management timber at the Salem district forester's office yesterday.

Navy Man Wishes Fleet Could Leave Mediterranean

Washington — (U.P.)— The Navy's top aviation official indicated today that he wishes the big U.S. Sixth Fleet could be pulled out of the "narrow waters" of the Mediterranean.

Assistant Secretary for Air James H. Smith Jr. said the fleet is "forced" to operate aircraft carriers there because land-based air forces are not available to control the area or reach certain targets if need be.

Mobility Said Reduced

Confinement in the Mediterranean reduces the fleet's "mobility," Smith said.

His views were expressed in a five-page criticism of a recent Los Angeles speech by British Field Marshall Montgomery who called for an end to aircraft carrier construction.

Montgomery, deputy supreme commander in Europe under American Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, said carriers are becoming obsolete and also contended navies do not now need air arms in narrow waters like the Mediterranean.

In Area Seven Years

The Sixth Fleet has been in the Mediterranean for more than seven years, sent there originally to help enforce the Truman doctrine of containing Communism when it threatened Turkey and Greece.

It has 20,000 men, 16 destroyers, three cruisers and two carriers which could mount about 200 airplanes.

There is no indication that the fleet will be pulled out of the Mediterranean.

92-Year-Old Pilot

Struck by Automobile

Los Angeles — (U.P.)— James Montee, 92, the oldest active licensed pilot with 4,000 hours to his credit, was bumped by an automobile Tuesday while crossing a street.

"I wouldn't drive one of them darned automobiles, the irate Montee spouted, 'they're too dangerous.'"

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