Green Calls OEU National Conference

Scheduled for July 28 at Palmer House in Chicago

On June 22 President William Green of the A. F. of L. issued a call for a national conference of all office employes unions at the Palmer House in Chicago, commencing at 10 A.M. July 28, 1942.

In issuing the conference call President Green pointed out that the conference is being scheduled in conformity with the action taken by the Seattle convention of the A. F. of L. last December, prescribing all OEU locals to send a duly accredited delegate, and he pointed out that resolutions and administrative proposals may be submitted by the delegates in attendance at the conference.

The purpose of the conference as pointed out by President Green is as follows:

"This conference is called for the purpose of reorganizing the American Federation of Office Workers International Council, dealing with the administrative affairs of said council, considering ways and means by which practical and successful organizing work may be carried on among office workers, and acting upon measures designed to promote the economic, industrial and social interests of the membership of office workers unions.

This conference affords an opportunity to all OEU locals to be represented at a meeting called for the purpose of reorganizing our International Council and to deal with the many problems which face all locals in their efforts to extend and promote the organization of white collar workers under the A. F. of L. banner.

All locals should take advantage of the opportunity afforded them by this conference to get together and plan a constructive program for our common benefit. President Green has wisely chosen Chicago for this conference, thus affording to all locals an opportunity to be represented without requiring undue traveling and other expenses.

The complete text of President Green's call for this conference appears on page 2.

It is up to us to take full advantage of the opportunities which the conference affords and to see to it that our respective delegates are chosen wisely, and that they will be prepared to take an active and constructive part in laying the foundation at this conference for a strong, solid, and business-like structure upon which we can collectively work toward the establishment of our own international union.

No local should pass up the opportunity of being directly represented at this conference even if it is necessary to take up a collection to meet the delegates expenses, or even if it is necessary for the delegate to "do some hitch-hiking" to get to Chicago by July 28.
MEMBERS PURCHASE WAR BONDS

The payroll deduction method of purchasing War Bonds by our members employed by the American Federation of Labor was inaugurated March 6, 1942. Purchases for the first 10 weeks amounted to $3,200. Further, a number of employees reported that they had previously arranged to buy War Bonds regularly through other sources, and it is estimated that such purchases amounted to approximately $1,000.

The second series of 10-week deductions were increased $4 per week, and purchases amounted to $4,750.

Therefore, the total amount of War Bonds purchased by our members employed in the A. F. of L. office since March 6 to date totals $7,950, with approximately $2,000 additional subscribed by other methods.

A number of employees not participating in these first two series of deductions have indicated their intention to participate in the third issue, which will commence July 24.

War stamps are also on sale at A. F. of L. headquarters for the convenience of office employees, and since March 20 to date a total of $520 worth of stamps have been purchased by employees.

LOCAL BUYS ANOTHER BOND

At our regular June meeting the membership adopted a recommendation of the Executive Committee that the Local purchase another $100 War Bond. This additional bond was bought on June 11 and brings to a total of $200 the War Bonds owned by our Union.

Informal surveys indicate that about 93 percent of our members employed by the International Association of Machinists and 81 percent of our members at A. F. of L. headquarters have bought bonds. What's the percentage at your office?

MEMBERS WIN JACKPOT

At our regular meeting on May 5 Irene Boyce of the Plumbers', won $2 in defense stamps, and on Tuesday, June 2, our last meeting, Lillian Loeb of the Zionists', was the winner of the jackpot.

You will have a chance to win this jackpot of $2 in defense stamps if you come to the next meeting on Tuesday, July 7.

NEWS FROM OTHER LOCALS

Kansas City Local Negotiates Increase

Local 1420 at Kansas City, Mo., reports that it was successful in negotiating increases for its members employed in the headquarters office of the Brotherhood of Railway Carpenters. Members receiving the minimum rate in the contract were increased $4 per week and those receiving more than the minimum wage received a $3 weekly increase.

Increases Won at Mississippi Power Co.

A. F. of L. Organizer Douglas reports the negotiation of a contract between O.U. Locals 22594 and 22538 and the Mississippi Power Co. at Gulfport and Meridian, Miss. Brother Douglas states, "This contract means an increase of $10 for each employe at once and in 6 months another increase of $5 and in some cases $10 more."

MEMBERS REQUESTED TO REPORT ON BOND PURCHASES

The June meeting instructed President Hutchings to keep a record of the War Bonds being purchased by our members and to report on this to the Central Labor Union and the A. F. of L.

In accordance with the action of the June meeting, all members are requested to fill out the statement at the bottom of this page of The Letter and turn it over to their shop steward or mail it directly to President Hutchings at our office—208 National Union Building. No signature is necessary merely indicate the total amount of War Bonds and Stamps which you have purchased and the office in which you are employed.

All members are requested to cooperate promptly so that we may get the necessary information from the Central Labor Union and the A. F. of L.

What has your local been doing recently? Let us help spread your progress reports to all O.U. locals through our "Letter"!

President Green's Letter

Washington, D.C., June 22, 1942.

To the Officers and Members of The Office Employees Local Unions Affiliated with the American Federation of Labor:

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

A conference of the representatives of all office employees local unions in this district, will be held at the Palmer House, Chicago, Ill., at 10 A.M., on Tuesday, July 28, 1942.

This conference is called for the purpose of recognizing the American Federation of Office Employees International Council, dealing with the administrative affairs of said council, considering plans and means for practical and successful organizing work may be carried on among office workers, and acting upon measures designed to promote the economic, industrial and political interests of the membership of office workers unions.

Resolutions and administrative proposals may be submitted by the delegates in attendance at the conference for consideration and action.

This conference will be called in conformity with action taken by the American Federation of Labor which was held in Seattle, Wash., during October, 1941, and in accordance with subsequent action taken by the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor.

Your local union is requested to send a duly accredited delegate to the conference. Arrange for your local union to elect a delegate to represent your local union in accordance with section 3 of Article IV of the constitution of the American Federation of Labor.

The basis of representation in the conference shall be in accordance with section 1 of Article IV of the constitution of the American Federation of Labor which provides for representation of federal labor unions and local unions in conventions of the American Federation of Labor.

Questions coming before the conference will be determined in accordance with section 3 of Article IV of the constitution of the American Federation of Labor.

The tone of the conference shall be practical and in accordance with subsequent action taken by the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor.

We earnestly request that your local union assign a delegate to represent your local union at this conference.

Fraternally yours,

William Green, President,
American Federation of Labor.

Attest:
George Meany, Secretary-Treasurer,
American Federation of Labor.