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# O.E.I.U. Wins on Three Fronts

## No-Raid Pact Passes AFL Convention

The 73rd Convention of the American Federation of Labor unanimously passed an Internal Disputes Plan to prevent raiding among affiliates and to provide for a method of adjustment of jurisdiction disputes within the AFL. The plan was drafted by a special committee in conjunction with the Executive Council and the officers of the American Federation of Labor since the 1953 convention in St. Louis.

President Meany pointed out that this Internal Disputes Plan is completely voluntary and in no way interferes with existing AFL machinery. The plan is binding only upon those unions which sign it.

It applies to the following disputes:

**Raiding**—Where one party seeks to obtain bargaining rights already exercised by the other party; or, where one party seeks to take membership from another party without regard to whether there is or is not a certification or its equivalent from the NLRB, or other Federal or state agency.

**Work**—Where one party to the plan seeks to secure for its members work being performed by, or which has been assigned to, members of another party; where parties to the plan disagree over the right to perform work which at the time of the dispute has not been assigned to any particular party.

**Organizing**—Where parties to the plan disagree over which party would attempt to organize unorganized workers in a particular unorganized plant or industry.

The plan provides these steps for settlement of such disputes:

1. Conference of the parties to settle by mutual agreement.

2. In such conference either party may call upon the President of the American Federation of Labor to appoint a representative to attempt to bring about a settlement through conciliation and mediation.

3. If the parties fail to agree within a reasonable time and have not yet invoked the services of an AFL representative, then they shall call upon the AFL President to appoint such a representative to work for voluntary agreement.

4. If there is no settlement within 10 days after appointment of an AFL representative, then the parties shall submit their dispute to final and binding arbitration before a single arbitrator of their own choice, or one appointed by the president of the AFL.

The arbitrator is instructed by the terms of the plan to consider all charter and jurisdictional rights involved and previous decisions.

His decision shall be final and binding only upon the parties to the dispute and shall apply only to the particular dispute before him. The parties shall pay the cost of the arbitration.

The plan shall be in effect two years and then automatically renew itself for one-year periods. Signatories shall have a 90-day escape period prior to the yearly renewal to withdraw from the plan.

## Conference To Meet in Toronto

The Canadian Organizational Conference will meet on Saturday, November 20, at 10 a. m. in private dining room No. 9 of the Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

The agenda of this meeting is of extreme importance to each of the local unions comprising this Conference. It is, therefore, imperative that each and every local union be represented.

## Minneapolis, Tacoma And Seattle Sign Up

Our International Union has been successful in NLRB elections in three different locations recently. Representative Don Hilliker of Local 12 in Minneapolis, along with Business Agent A. J. Fritz of Local 12, announces that after a vigorous campaign the employees of the Northern Machinery Company voted better than 4 to 1 to be represented by OEIU Local 12. Contract negotiations are now under way to consummate the first agreement with this company.

In Tacoma, Wash., Conference Organizer Gene Corum and Business Representative Cal Winslow of Local 23 report that after an extended campaign an NLRB election was held for the employees of the Tacoma Credit Bureau. The results of this election were close enough that the challenged ballots would materially affect the result. The OEIU representatives, after a hearing before the Board, were able to obtain a favorable decision in having the challenged ballots counted which resulted in the certification of Local 23 as the sole, exclusive bargaining agent for the office and clerical employees of the Tacoma Credit Bureau. Negotiations are also being carried on with this company at the present time.

### Expand Campaigns

From the same area, Conference Organizer Corum also reports that at the Radiant Manufacturing Company in a recent NLRB-conducted election, the office and clerical employees voted unanimously to be represented by Local 8 of Seattle, Wash.

Following these victories, the local unions in the above-mentioned areas are establishing vigorous and greatly expanded organizing campaigns. The representatives who participated in these campaigns announced that the vast majority of office and clerical workers in these areas are rapidly recognizing the

advantages of the protection of union contracts.

These organizing campaigns have been established in a manner whereby participation by a large number of the members in each local will speed the progress of the organization of unorganized office and clerical employees. In the Minneapolis area Local 12 held a special meeting to establish an extension of the International Union's Conference program at the local level. North Central Organizational Conference Organizer Art Lewandowski attended the meeting and assisted Business Representative Art Fritz and Organizer Don Hilliker of Local 12 in outlining the program. Also in attendance were representatives of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor and the Minneapolis Central Labor Union who gave promises of support and cooperation.

It was pointed out that this conference was in no way in competition with the North Central Organizational Conference, but was being established to add impetus to the organizing activities of the Conference. The meeting called for a full-scale campaign at the Minneapolis-Honeywell Company; a drive among 800 office employees in Hopkins, which is a suburb of Minneapolis, who work in a two-block area of retail stores which are completely organized except for the office and clerical employees; a campaign among the office employees of the city's hotels, laundries and dry cleaning establishments; an active campaign among the office employees of the larger trucking companies; and a second attempt to organize four companies where

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## Portsmouth Charter Installation



President Howard Coughlin installs officers of Portsmouth, Ohio, Local 308 following the installation of the charter. Left to right: Glenn Dearling, trustee; James Boleyn, executive board member; Anthony Middleton, executive board member; Albert V. Mitchell, executive board member; U. C. Sutherland, president; J. Talmadge Webb, vice president; Richard Glasgow, executive board member; Mrs. Eva Mae Gregory, executive board member; Mrs. Evelyn Sims, executive board member; Mrs. Mitzi F. Collins, recording secretary; Willis N. Herbert, trustee, and Richard Coriell, executive board member.

## Solid Backing for Canadian Organizing

Organizing of white collar workers in Canada was given solid backing by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada at its recent annual convention in Regina, Sask. The Office Employees International Union is affiliated with the TLC and was represented at the convention by Vice President B. H. Cosgrove.

A resolution recognizing the urgent need to organize the unorganized, Cosgrove reports, urged all affiliates of the Congress to initiate and push a white collar organizing drive.

That the Office Employees International Union is ready and willing to follow up any leads that are de-

veloped was emphasized by OEIU Canadian Representative A. F. MacArthur in a concurring address to the delegates.

## Local 2 Celebrates 50th Birthday



Washington Local 2 recently celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with a banquet addressed by International President Howard Coughlin. Left to right: Clem Preller, president of Washington Central Labor Union; Mrs. Preller, Father Leo J. Cody, President Coughlin, Robert Probey, business agent, and Mrs. Probey. On the rostrum is John Cahill, president of the local.

## Management Promotes Active Union Officer

New York City—Francis J. Byrne, a charter member of Local 205, is another OEIU member who has learned that management is eager to enlist experienced and capable union officials in filling responsible positions. He has recently been promoted to the position of supervisor on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

## Canada No-Raid Pact Near Consummation

Toronto—A no-raiding pact between the two largest Canadian labor federations was assured here with the approval of the agreement by the Canadian Congress of Labor.

The proposed treaty was approved earlier by the Trades and Labor Congress and awaits signatures by officers of the two labor organizations to make it effective.

The pact, which will affect a total union membership of 980,000, binds the federations not to do any membership raiding against each other and calls on their affiliates to adopt the same practice.

# Highlights of Annual A F of L Convention

Los Angeles—President Howard Coughlin and Secretary-Treasurer J. Howard Hicks of the OEIU were appointed to important positions on convention committees during the recent convention of the American Federation of Labor here.

Coughlin was named secretary of the convention's Metal Trades Committee and Hicks secretary on the Committee on Union Labels. As secretaries of the committees, each was delegated the responsibility of preparing their respective committee reports and presenting them to the convention. Coughlin was also appointed to and served on the Committee on State Organizations.

In his committee report to the convention, Coughlin dealt with various phases of the AFL Executive Council's report to the convention and several resolutions. These included proposals to strengthen the American Federation of Labor's position in the representation of workers in the atomic energy field; greater cooperation between AFL unions in unionizing workers in industrial establishments through local metal trades councils; that workers in industrial plants be organized into their respective craft unions "in the traditional manner of the A. F. of L."; and urged the American Federation of Labor support the reviving of the American Merchant Marine in the face of the sharp decline in shipbuilding and the employment of American seamen during recent years.

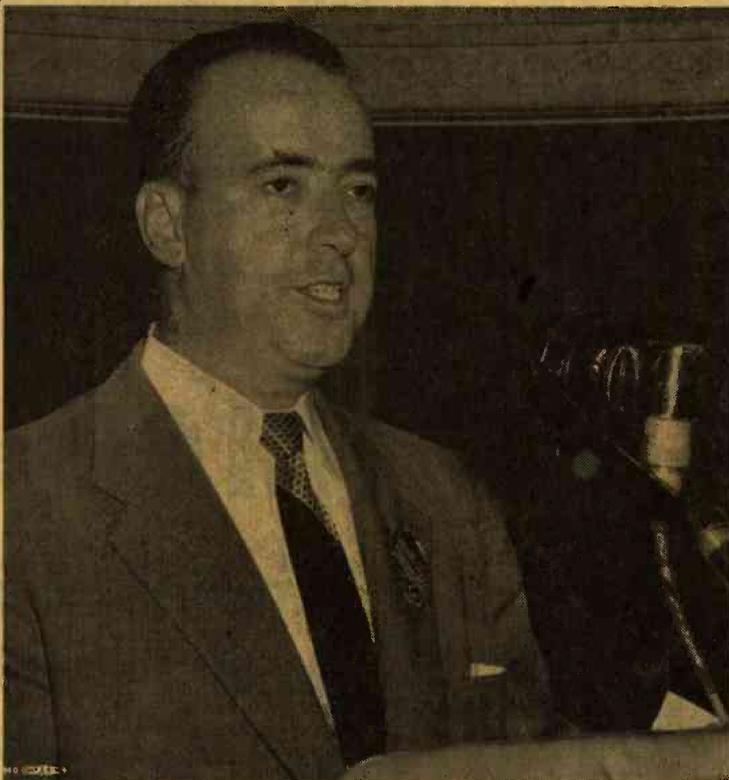
In Coughlin's report on the growth and expansion of the atomic energy field, it was pointed out that of 60,000 workers employed in the operation and maintenance of atomic energy plants, 36,000 are AFL members, 10,000 are members of a rival organization and 4,000 belong to independent unions not eligible for affiliation with the AFL. The report pointed out that there are 10,000 workers in the industry not members of any union, a large number of whom are in scientific or professional categories. The report concluded with the admonition "that every effort be put forth to the end that the employes in this great new industry become members of the American Federation of Labor."

## Leheney Lauded

Hicks' report to the convention for the Committee on Union Labels urged that the next Union Label Week be the period September 5 through 11, 1955; that the AFL urge all national and international unions to affiliate with the Union Label and Service Trades Department and that in this connection AFL executive officers encourage directly chartered federal labor unions to affiliate with local union label councils; and that all national and international unions participate in future Union Industries Shows and invite their fair employers to have exhibits in such shows. All these recommendations were unanimously adopted by the convention.

The Lanham Trade Mark Act of 1946 was attacked by the committee because of loopholes which permit unscrupulous manufacturers and printers to engage in the practice of violating the intent and spirit of the act where union labels are concerned. The committee's report which was adopted by the convention without dissent asked the AFL to assist in drafting and securing passage of legislation in Congress which would restore the original intent of the act.

Secretary-Treasurer Raymond F. Leheney and the staff of the Union Label and Service Trades Department were praised in the committee's report for their activities in promoting union labels, shop cards and buttons in the face of frequent adverse conditions.



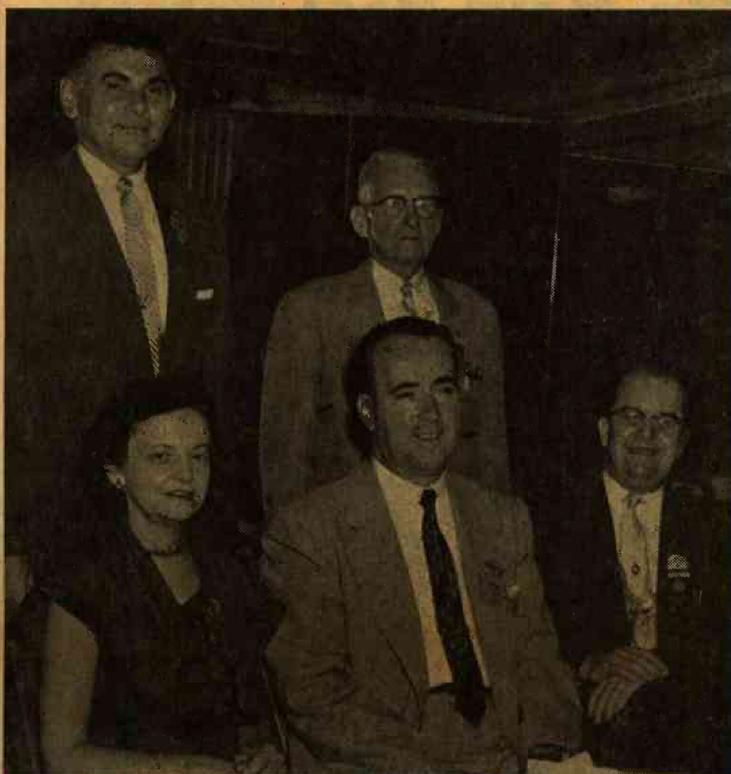
International President Howard Coughlin as he delivered Metal Trades Committee report to AFL convention in Los Angeles.



Delegates to the Los Angeles convention give a standing ovation to AFL President George Meany.



AFL President George Meany, OEIU Secretary-Treasurer J. Howard Hicks and President Ray Leheney of the AFL Label Trades Department at Los Angeles convention.



Mrs. Brownie H. Cuthbert, member of Local 179, Chattanooga, Tenn., and Eric Greaves, standing at right, member of Local 37, Des Moines, Iowa, are shown with Vice President Max Krug, President Coughlin and Secretary-Treasurer Hicks at the Los Angeles convention. Mrs. Cuthbert and Mr. Greaves were delegates of their respective Central Labor Unions.

## Activities of Local Unions

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Organizer Morris reports negotiations completed on the new agreement between Local 33 and International Harvester (Pittsburgh Motor Truck Sales District). The contract runs for two years with a reopening for wages after the first year. Excellent seniority rights as well as overtime provisions, modified union shop, shift differentials and grievance procedure are included in the contract; also 6 holidays, double time for Sunday and double time plus regular pay for holidays, vacation of 1 week after 6 months up to 3 weeks after 15 years, and sick leave.

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Badger, Wis.—Negotiations for renewal of Local 293's agreement with Badger Ordnance Works have resulted in the company agreeing to a full union shop, reduction of the trial period in promotions and guaranteed call-in pay of 4 hours. The unique provision allowing 3 days to our members getting married can now be added to the vacation period. Other benefits include automatic increases, job posting, paid lunch period, maternity leave, 2 weeks' vacation after 1 year and 10 days' sick leave after 6 months up to 15 days after 1 year.

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Warren, Pa.—Local 186 has obtained a 5-cent-per-hour increase at Struthers Wells Corporation. In

addition the company paid each employe 1 cent per hour for all hours worked during the previous year. Other details of the contract include recall privileges prorated up to 3 years after 5 years' service, vacations up to 3 weeks after 15 years, job posting and social insurance benefits (including death, sickness and accident, hospitalization and surgical) paid by the company.

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Alken, S. C.—Vice President Bloodworth reports a settlement at Miller Electric Company with a 3 per cent general increase for mem-

bers of Local 294. The U. S. Conciliation Service was called in to assist in the settlement after the members voted to strike. Included in the contract is a modified union shop, 7 holidays including pay for Saturday holidays, 2 weeks' vacation after 1 year, 12 days sick leave per year, and automatic wage increases.

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Utica, N. Y.—Rep. Leo Wallace assisted Local 281 in their negotiations with Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co. resulting in a two-year agreement and general increase of

\$2 per week. Improvements in seniority and overtime were obtained and rates for new jobs will be jointly negotiated. The contract also provides for maintenance of membership, check-off of dues and initiation fees, company-paid life insurance, health and welfare benefits, and a reopening for wages after one year with the right to strike upon failure to reach agreement. Future expansion of the company in the area is also covered.

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Milwaukee, Wis.—Business Representative Beck of Local 9 has completed negotiations with International Harvester for the new technical group which he organized recently. The contract calls for a modified union shop with check-off of dues, excellent seniority provisions, a 3 per cent wage increase with the 4-cent-per-hour cost of living discontinued as such but added to the rate ranges and automatic progression rates, vacations of 1 week after 6 months up to 3 weeks after 15 years, and sick leave. Coverage under the company health, security and pension program is provided but subject to bargaining during the life of the contract.

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Buffalo, N. Y.—Local 212 has renewed their agreement with the Hotel Touraine. A joint job evaluation study is to be undertaken this year. The contract provides for union shop, 6 holidays, vacation, sick leave and maternity leave.

## Labor Day Float Wins Praise



Omaha—Recording Secretary Donna Henkenius, left, and Trustee Camille Butler, right, of Local 53, adorned the float of their union in Omaha's 1954 Centennial Labor Day parade. The float vividly illustrated the changes which have occurred in Omaha since the inception of Local 53. The float was judged one of the best in the parade.

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**AFL No-Raid Pact**

**WE ARE** happy to note that the 73rd Convention of the American Federation of Labor passed the Internal Disputes Plan without a single dissenting vote. This plan is the first step toward eventually resolving the vexing problems of jurisdiction which exist among the 113 AFL International Unions.

Aside from the usual fringe problems with certain workers such as machinists, carpenters, electricians, etc., there has grown up in the past few years a real disease of one international union raiding another's jurisdiction. In some instances the raids have been purely organization of the unorganized in a given plant where previous organization had not been accomplished. In other instances, however, we have had the very serious problem of one international union actually attempting to organize where another international had already organized and was carrying on contractual relations with the employer. All of this type of activity only serves to confuse and disillusion both the organized and the unorganized.

We have numerous instances in our own International Union where not only other internationals have organized within our jurisdiction, but where actually they have used their greater economic strength and larger treasuries to organize or to disorganize our membership. It is difficult to understand how an international union of manual workers can feel that it has the jurisdiction over clerical workers. Worse still, it is difficult to understand how any union can justify raiding another union's jurisdiction.

President George Meany is to be commended on his fight for the development and the adoption of the Internal Disputes Plan.

**National Labor Relations Board**

The AFL Convention unanimously adopted a report condemning the President's action in packing the National Labor Relations Board with representatives of organized big business. In the last two years the Board has made the following serious decisions:

- 1—It is no longer considered an unfair labor practice for an employer to question his employes prior to an NLRB election.
- 2—The employer may now force all of his employes to be a captive audience on company time and premises without giving equal time or opportunity to the union.
- 3—A mere strike threat can now justify a lockout.
- 4—Even if both parties reserve the right to strike during a contract period, the NLRB now forbids such strikes.
- 5—The Board has excluded millions of workers previously covered under the Labor-Management Act of 1947 by administrative procedural changes.
- 6—An employer is now free to ask his employes whether or not they joined the union.

It would appear to us that the President cannot blame "a solid Democratic vote" for the actions of his appointees to the National Labor Relations Board.

A union such as the Office Employees International Union has been placed in a very untenable position by virtue of the changes in procedure, and in the interpretation of the law, by the present NLRB members.

In view of the tremendous organizational job that lies before us, it is important that the Labor-Management Relations Act of 1947 be interpreted in accordance with its preamble—that it, "to foster and encourage collective bargaining."

**"Edna" Only Slows Northeastern Meet**

On September 12, 1954, twenty-five delegates representing eleven local unions in the Northeastern Organizational Conference met at Boston, Mass., despite hurricane Edna which seriously impaired travel facilities. Local union representatives from Massachusetts New Hampshire, Maine, Connecticut and New York were present.

All delegates rendered organizational reports. International Representative Leo Wallace gave a comprehensive report on his work in Northern New York and New England. President Coughlin reported for the International Union and described in detail the organizational activities of our conference organizers and International representatives. He explained that the conference program is still expanding and that we intend to add more organizers to our staff before the end of the year. He described the obstacles which are placed in our path by the National Labor Relations Board, and its peculiar definition of bargaining units. Despite these obstacles, however, President Coughlin emphasized the fact that our membership is growing.

Thomas Flynn of Local 6 in Boston was elected president of the Northeastern Organizational Conference.

**President Eisenhower Pledges Taft-Hartley Amendments**

President Eisenhower, in addressing the American Federation of Labor Convention, said that he regretted the failure of his Administration to get rid of the union-busting provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act. He then proceeded to defend his policy by pointing out that "a solid Democratic vote in the Senate defeated me."

The President, however, neglected to point out that the solid Democratic vote defeated much more than the union-busting provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act. It also defeated the famous Goldwater proposal which would allow states to outlaw the right to strike and to picket just as they now have the right to outlaw the right to the union shop.

We, of the American Federation of Labor, were very grateful for that solid Democratic vote against the bill which would have made the Taft-Hartley Act look good by comparison.

**Northeastern Conference Session**



Here's part of the delegation that attended Northeastern Organizational Conference meeting September 12 in Boston, despite the travel snarl caused by Hurricane Edna.

**New Charter Installed**

Tucson, Ariz.—The first OEIU charter in Tucson was recently installed at a meeting well attended by local and state AFL officials. International Union Secretary-Treasurer J. Howard Hicks presented the charter of Local 319 with the prediction that the union would play a prominent part in the future of the organized labor movement in Arizona.

President K. S. Brown, Arizona State Federation of Labor, expressed the satisfaction of the statewide AFL movement in the establishment of another OEIU local union in Arizona. He urged the officers and members of Local 319 to join with other OEIU and AFL

members throughout the state in fulfilling the intent of their new charter and to contribute to a better climate for the organized labor movement in Arizona.

Fred Brown, who is president of both the Tucson Central Trades Council and the Tucson Building and Construction Trades Council, and Secretary John Durkin of the Central Trades Council pledged their personal support and cooperation to the new local union as well as the aid and assistance of AFL organizations in the city.

The first agreement negotiated by Local 319 resulted in wage increases of 15 to 21 cents per hour. Officers of the local union report that this demonstration of what office workers can achieve through collective bargaining has materially facilitated the organizing program.

Charter members of the local union include Helen Martin, Shirley Brothen, Evelyne Bartunek, Elsie Bergen, Virginia Heltzen, Delilah Holt, Bernice Lindner, Dorothy Lores, Hazel Shilling, Betty Stoller, Lucille Voos and Helen Halladay.

**Neilson Recovering**

New York City—George W. Neilson, Jr., secretary-treasurer, Local 205, is recovering from a serious illness which has kept him from active participation in the Wall Street local during recent weeks.

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**White Collar Organizing Resolution**

**T**HE Wisconsin State Federation of Labor introduced a very important resolution to the 73rd Convention of the American Federation of Labor held in Los Angeles, which directly affects the OEIU. The resolution, in effect, calls upon the AFL to do everything possible to organize the 18 million unorganized white collar workers. George Hall, secretary of the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor, introduced the resolution and worked very hard for its passage. In view of the fact that the resolution, as it was worded, affects several other white collar organizations in addition to our own, the Committee on Organizing accepted the intention of the resolution and forwarded it to the Executive Council of the AFL for action.

More and more AFL organizations are becoming aware of the necessity of organizing the unorganized white collar workers of our country. We are confident that the Executive Council of the AFL will initiate action towards this end. We are hopeful that our union will share in any program instituted by the Executive Council.

**Metal Trades Activity**

At the recent convention of the American Federation of Labor your President was placed on two important committees, one dealing with Metal Trades organizing and the other with state organizations. Secretary-Treasurer Hicks was appointed to the Union Label Committee and, as has been the case in previous years, he was appointed secretary of the committee. Your President was appointed secretary of the Metal Trades Committee and in that capacity was instructed to draw up and deliver to the convention the report of the Metal Trades Committee.

I am happy to advise that the report which was adopted, urged the extension of the organizing work of the Metal Trades Department with special emphasis to be devoted to shipbuilding, ship repair and atomic energy. The report called on all international unions to cooperate in placing Metal Trades organizing charters in areas of large concentrations of industrial workers.

As our union is already active in this field, we believe that the extension of such organizational work will be of direct benefit to the OEIU.

During the course of the AFL Convention a special TV show telecast from Hollywood with a galaxy of big name stars, was produced as a salute to labor. The National Broadcasting Company telecast this nationwide show. The speakers included General Matthew B. Ridgway, Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army, and AFL President George Meany. A long list of stars which included Bob Hope, Jack Benny, Danny Kaye, Frank Sinatra, William Holden, Ronald Reagan, Eddie Fisher, Ray Milland, Ray Bolger, Dorothy McGuire, Penny Singleton, Tyrone Power, Edward G. Robinson, Pat O'Brien, Jack Carson and a host of others participated in this wonderful program. For the first time the public may have learned that all of these stars and their colleagues in the entertainment field are good AFL members. These wonderful performers publicize their AFL membership on every occasion. Walter Pidgeon of the Screen Actors' Guild, was active through the entire AFL Convention.

**STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP**

Statement required by the Act of August 24, 1912, as amended by the Acts of March 3, 1933, and July 2, 1946 (Title 39, United States Code, Section 238), showing the ownership, management, and circulation of THE OFFICE WORKER, published monthly at Washington, District of Columbia, for October, 1954.

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[Signed] **J. HOWARD HICKS,**  
Business Manager.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of October, 1954.

[Seal] **VADA S. HOWARD,**  
Notary Public.

(My commission expires July 14, 1959.)

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elections had been lost by narrow margins in recent years. The meeting planned to have delegates attend the Minnesota State Federation convention in Rochester and work among the delegates to create greater white collar union consciousness and to make contacts for organizing assistance. Another part of the plan was to call on the Central Labor Union office for direct assistance and cooperation and the use of its two organizers in an effort to enlarge the "live lead" file.

The meeting proposed to do the following:

a. Contact by mail and/or in person the more than 1,500 Local 12 members now on withdrawal card. These people have had direct contact with the union, have enjoyed many of the benefits, and if they are still working in the white collar field should be utilized to the fullest as secondary organizers.

b. Conduct a survey of each production workers' local in the larger areas—of union members' families to determine if they have wives, daughters, sons, nephews, or other relatives who are employed in non-union offices. Particularly the officers and stewards of these production workers' local unions should be helpful in convincing their relatives who are clerical employes of the advantages of working in an organized office.

The meeting agreed that without the assistance of the members of Local 12 these plans would be in vain, therefore an organizing committee of 50 people was established and cards are being mailed to the entire membership upon which they are being asked to designate in what way they are willing to aid in the organizing activities, such as telephone work, handbilling, mailing and addressing, manning a speakers' bureau, etc.

With such a program as outlined above the group is very confident of success. The representatives of Local 12 have stated that if any local unions in the OEIU are interested in further details or reports of progress, they will be happy to answer any inquiries addressed to the local union.

**At California Convention**



Three leaders of Los Angeles Local 30 are shown with AFL Secretary-Treasurer William Schnitzler at the recent convention of the California State Federation of Labor in Santa Barbara. Left to right: Jane Darling, executive board member; Cynthia McCaughan, president; Schnitzler, and Edith Sherick, executive board member.

**Poultry Industry Clean-up Sought**

Shocking conditions in unorganized areas of the poultry industry are exposed in a pamphlet being circulated by the AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen in connection with the union's nation-wide drive for adequate regulation of the industry.

The union charges in its pamphlet that the present voluntary inspection program of the U. S. Department of Agriculture "lacks teeth" and constitutes a "fraud on the public." Also, the union said, inspections under the Pure Food and Drug Act are expected to be "substantially reduced"—despite a marked increase in poultry production and consumption.

"On June 30, 1914, the provisions of the Federal Meat Regulation and Inspection Service were extended to cover and include reindeer. But up to now—almost 50 years later—and in spite of its wide popularity as a real American delicacy, poultry tragically remains the 'forgotten bird' of the nation's lawmakers so far as compulsory regulations are concerned relating to wholesomeness or fitness for human consumption," the union said.

Copies of the recently published pamphlet may be secured by writing the union at its international headquarters, 2800 Sheridan Road, Chicago 14, Ill.

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His cheery smile and wide-open grin

Help me forget the mess I'm in;  
I lost my job, I lost my car;  
I can't even get near a bar;  
I haven't eaten for days and days  
But for good old Ike, I still got praise.

I wouldn't believe in '52  
When the union said it was true  
The bankers, bosses and Big Money Men

Were using Ike to get power again.  
But what the hell, I was eating, see

**JOIN JOIN JOIN L.L.P.E.**

**Firemen Fight Muscular Dystrophy**



At its 22nd convention recently held in Miami, the International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL, pledged its support to the fund-raising campaign of the Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America. The drive starts in November, and fire fighters the country over will be marching on a mission of mercy to collect the donations to aid those afflicted with muscular dystrophy, a crippling disease which afflicts some 200,000 Americans, most of them children. In photo above, taken at the AFL convention in Los Angeles, three leaders discuss the campaign. They are, from left: William C. Doherty, President, National Association of Letter Carriers, AFL; Bert Lytton, Chairman, Los Angeles chapter, Muscular Dystrophy Association; John P. Redmond, President, International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL.

And besides, the big shots weren't after me;

I could have my cake and make dough as well  
So I let 'em chop at the AFL  
'Cause I-liked-Ike,

The first to go was overtime,  
Then they cut wages another dime.  
And Ike he said on his TV show  
It was patriotic to give up dough;  
But the price of meat was still sky high

(And beans was all a man could buy.)

But he said it with such a cheery grin

I figured that's the way to win.  
So here I am more dead than alive  
Got no job, no pep, no drive,  
But I-liked-Ike.

My belly was full and my blood was hot,

I had two chickens in every pot,  
And Hoover was gone a long way back

So I gave the election a big wise-crack;

It didn't matter about my vote,  
Old Ike would never make Me the goat,

But Brother, I'm eating grass on the range

Because I was yelling "time for a change"

'Cause I-liked-Ike.  
—Cincinnati Sun.