MEANY, REUTHER AT THE LEGION

THE APPEARANCE of spokesmen of both the AFL and CIO before a convention of the American Legion could be made into an occasion of much positive value to labor and the country as a whole.

The country is well aware of the pattern of Legion conventions. They are almost always controlled by business leaders who turn the event into a three-day jabberwocky of jingoism, salutare-talking and intolerance.

Walter Reuther and George Meany, as speakers before the convention in Washington, could have taken the opportunity to make an impact. Instead, they went over the heads of the controlling clique to the rank and file of the Legion, who on the whole are like those who make up our labor unions. But they did so in a thing right.

Instead, they joined in the howl for a more warlike stand, and for an increase of war tensions in the world. Meany directed his main fire against the growing trend for peaceful co-existence with the Soviet Union and the other heads of socialism. He exonerated the Eisenhower administration for allegedly "doing nothing to expose its (co-existence's) dangers or halt its trend."

Meany further took the opportunity to denounce Sen. Fulbright and Sen. Byrnes for their public statements, and all others, including business, government and political leaders who seek to see and hear for themselves of things in those countries.

The line of both Reuther and Meany was that the fighting must attack mainly at the administration's budget cuts because they claimed they were at the expense of "defense." In the eyes of these leaders, the worst sins of the Eisenhower administration are its cuts and, if it was forced to make) to the world pressure for peace.

Aside from the fact that Meany and Reuther did not reded the peace sentiments of their own members, they have seemingly harmed Labor's objectives in the political campaign.

Many Americans who listen to the position as put forward by Meany and Reuther and their associates in the Democratic Party get the feeling that theirs is a war party" side of the campaign. This is especially so in the face of the denigration of the Republicans who seek to appeal to the voters as the "peace" party.

The line of the Means and Reuther has nothing in common with the great majority of 16,000,000 trade unionists who want both a real peace and a program for full employment and democracy. The kind of talk that we hear from Meany and Reuther will not improve the chances of defeating the Republican Party. Those in labor who are close to their own members should as a duty to this cause warn their leaders against this position as expressed by Meany and Reuther.

SEN. FLANDERS' ALARM

SENATOR FLANDERS' ALARM that some of the most vital charges against McCarthy may not be probed by the Watergate committee is well-grounded. The former Senator said he would file formal objection in Senate if these charges are by-passed in the current hearings.

McCarthy is fearful of any probe into his weird financial deals with the Lustron and Pepsi-Cola corporations while he was a member of Senate committees that voted him approval for those deals against the opposition that is expressed by Meany and Reuther.

ONE BIG DEFEAT—Another Being Prepared

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

HARDLY has the European Economic Council (E.E.C.) been knocked into a cocked hat, by France's threat to go it alone with this and Wall Street scheme to raise Western Germany for a war purpose, than Mr. Dulles has set his hand to launch a similar scheme against the so-called S.D.C., that will not be long small (especially after the abortive proposition, let alone the S.D.C., will be a long way off.)

The E.D.C., will collapse, and for the same general reason--the military phase of the following (North Atlantic Treaty Organization), fell for two basic French propositions. The first was because of mass peace resistance, partly a result of recent events, particularly in France, recognized as a powerful force, and the second was that France, through her determined efforts to force the United States to go along with her, will have mass peace sentiment, repressed, and will have a good chance to as a result; the French National Assembly, when called to vote, will be able to vote against the E.D.C. against the U.S.S.R. on the basis of a reformed Western Germany. France can thus make the situation stick. With the French National Assembly, when called to vote, it is expected to let the matter come to a voice, thus killing off the whole situation.

The second basic reason of the E.D.C. is the self-preservation of the French people, particularly between Britain and the U.S. In fact, Britain was more responsive to the French, and the united front was taken down by E.D.C. at the out.

When the out-front became part of E.D.C., that warlike institution was more powerful. Had Britain accepted it, it might then have been possible to show off the whole thing through the French National Assembly. But with Britain's participation the whole thing was a hopeless proposition. Washington, therefore, was left with a choice: to go along with the French and accept S.D.C. or to go along with the Southern Europeans and the British, and face the British will agree only to control in case of some "attack."

This wide divergence in program, taken together with the tremendous anti-imperialist pressure among the American people, makes it possible for the British to fail to sustain the latest S.D.C. scheme to un-deal a great war.

THE WORLD may well re-sail in the gale of the E.D.C. war plan in Europe. It was a steady aim of the whole war program of World War II, imperialist aims. The eventual collapse of the C.E.A.E. E.D.C. will not be long in coming, will be found to be a hollow proposition. The latest attempt will result in a total defeat of the imperialists to regain the front, the straight lines of the vast mass in that sentiment are not sufficient to prevent their cravings, and to draw the necessary conclusion.

Month by month, with ever-increasing speed, this is being made upon the world. The repudiation of the whole insane Wall Street scheme of imperialism is being carried out the world everywhere. It is a clear indication that the labor movement and the American people have received the message of the People's sense of distressing and monstrous waging that is being carried out in their name.

By John Pittman

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