

Negro Congress Labor Delegates Score Truman

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DETROIT, May 30.—Negro and white trade union delegates to the 10th anniversary convention of the National Negro Congress yesterday called Truman's breaking of the railroad strike and his anti-labor legislation proposal a "sinister plot" to destroy the whole labor movement.

Meeting in the board room of Local 600-UAW-CIO, the trade unionists discussed the results of all-day special session in a press conference on the eve of the convention.

The delegates opened up the convention on the Truman-Byrnes "get tough with labor and with the democratic peoples of the world" policy as part of plans now underway for a third world war.

KNOW SLAVERY

"This is the first sure step on the road to fascism in the United States" a statement released to the press said. "Negro workers, who certainly know the meaning of involuntary servitude, will fight with all their might to defend the free trade union movement. The Negro people will not be fooled by the hysteria President Truman has stimulate."

"We clearly see that our interest lies with that of organized labor and we are determined to fight this attempt by President Truman with all the resources at our command," the statement declared.

The unionists further urged the brotherhoods to contribute to the fight against the Truman anti-strike proposal "by ending for all time discrimination within their own ranks." This act, the statement said, "would mobilize not only the Negro people but all Americans who believe in freedom and democracy."

While scoring Truman's "consistent pattern of pious talking and contrary deeds," in line with actions on FEPC, OPA and "his latest fascist military inter-American alliance proposal," these unionists pulled no punches with regard to the policy followed by the Republicans.

"The leaders of the Republican Party need take no comfort from the peoples' denunciation of Truman," they declared "because it was the Republicans who formed the coalition with Southern polltax Democrats to defeat the FEPC and pass the Case Bill."

As an "answer to Truman and Byrnes," the trade unionists called for "united independent political action by all sections of organized labor with its natural allies—the Negro people, the professional people, the farmers, and small business people whose future is bound up with that of the working people of America."

Those present included: Revels Cayton, executive secretary of the National Negro Congress; Charles Collins, vice-president of Hotel & Club Employees Local 6; Marcel Scherer, organizer, United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers; Josh Lawrence, National Maritime Union patrolman; Eleanor Godding, president, Welfare Local 1, United Public Workers, Ewart Gainer and Thomas Richardson, officials, United Public Workers, all of New York.

Also, Hodges Mason and Shelton Tappes of the CIO United Auto Workers, Detroit; John Goodman, vice-president AFL Building Service Employees, International, New York; Ray Dennis and Admiral Kilpatrick, Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, Cleveland; Raymond Tillman, Transport Workers Union, New Orleans; Oliver Boutte, Marine Cooks and Stewards, San Francisco.



Call for Labor Action: A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and Councilman Michael J. Quill on the platform at Wednesday's great New York City rally against the Truman bill.—Daily Worker Photo

Truman Scraps Policy Of FDR--Morgenthau

President Truman has completely scrapped the Roosevelt program, former Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., long a Roosevelt associate, charged Wednesday night.

He said Truman had substituted the "compulsion of the atomic bomb" for the FDR program in foreign affairs and the "compulsion of involuntary servitude" in domestic issues.



Morgenthau urged that all Americans, irrespective of party, join forces for the 1946 elections to cleanse the House of Representatives of the men who made such a disgraceful spectacle of themselves by supporting Truman's anti-labor legislative proposals last Saturday. He made his charges in an address over WMCA and the Associated Broadcasting System.

DISASTROUS DECISIONS

Truman's speech, Morgenthau said, was but the "logical outcome" of a whole series of "disastrous decisions" made during the year.

He said the President had prematurely lifted wartime controls, including the War Labor Board, War Production Board's priority and allocation system, rationing and wartime taxes.

Inflation, industrial hardship, blackmarketing and all the basic causes of strikes resulted from lift-

ing these restrictions, he said. But last Saturday "in the name of the postwar emergency which all his other measures imply no longer exists," Truman proposed a "vicious piece of undemocratic legislation," Morgenthau added.

He said the Truman proposal had been condemned as "fascist" by responsible conservative and liberal Americans alike.

With Truman at the helm, there is crisis internationally as well as on the home front, the ex-Treasury chief said.

He asserted that the history of foreign relations under Truman was one of "deterioration and decline."

ASSAILS A-BOMB POLICY

The spirit of brotherhood that Roosevelt inspired had given way, he said, to a policy under which Americans attend conferences "with the atomic bomb bulging from their hip pockets—a symbol of what can happen to anybody who incurs our slightest displeasure."

"Why does our nation find itself in a state of crisis today, both on the domestic and foreign fronts?" Morgenthau asked.

"It is because Mr. Truman has renounced the Roosevelt philosophy and the Roosevelt policy. His substitute is the compulsion of the atomic bomb on the foreign and the compulsion of the equally dangerous weapon—involuntary servitude—on the labor front."