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Mr. J. Wilham Belanger, President
Massachusetts State Industrial Union Council
44 School Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Brother:

In reviewing the correspondence relative to the merging of the Massachusetts State Federation of Labor and the Massachusetts State Industrial Union Council, I find that Massachusetts is one of the few states which has not completed the merger.

At the AFL-CIO Convention held in Atlantic City, December 5-12, 1957 the delegates attending the Convention approved of a resolution of which the Resolve was:

- "1. The Constitution of the AFL-CIO indicates that after a lapse of the two-year period allowed in the Constitution for the merger of central bodies, only merged central bodies shall be entitled to representation at AFL-CIO conventions.
2. The Executive Council hereby declares that each and every central body which has not effected merger by December 5, 1957 has failed to comply with the Constitution of the AFL-CIO. It hereby authorizes the President of the AFL-CIO to revoke these charters as provided by the AFL-CIO Constitution and rules governing state and local central bodies.
3. The President of the AFL-CIO is further authorized to take such action as may be necessary to effect the merger of central bodies not as yet merged or to create and charter new central bodies in lieu of those whose charters are revoked."

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I am anxious to have these mergers completed. I have been advised that a number of meetings have been held by your committee on merger with the corresponding committee of the State Federation of Labor.

I understand it was impossible to complete the negotiations prior to December 5, 1957.

I would suggest that the officers of your State CIO Council make the necessary arrangements to meet with the officers of the State Federation in order to complete the arrangements for a Constitution and By-Laws to govern the merged organizations as quickly as possible. You know it will also be necessary to work out a Merger Agreement which will provide the organizational procedure for merging.

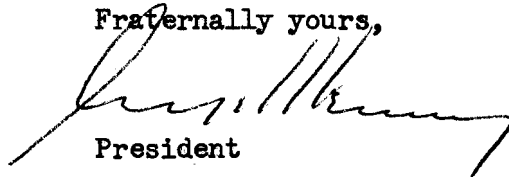
Arrangements should be made for State Conventions to approve of the Constitution and By-Laws and Merger Agreement. Such arrangements should be made so that the merger convention would immediately follow the convention of the State organization in the same city. This would expedite the merger and would not require the delegates to your convention to return at a later date for the merger convention.

In accordance with the resolution passed by the delegates at the Second Constitutional Convention of the AFL-CIO which directed me "to take such action as is necessary to effect a merger of the state bodies not yet merged", I am urging your State officers to assist me by completing the merger of your State organizations.

I would much prefer that the merger in your State be completed on terms mutually agreeable to the officers of your State CIO Council and the officers of the State Federation of Labor.

If my office can be of assistance to you in bringing this about, feel free to call on me.

Fraternally yours,



President

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