

AFL-CIO MERGER COMMITTEE MEETING, October 25, 1957, Parker House, Boston

Present for CIO - Belanger, Camelio, Campobasso, Murray, Stevens and Sullivan.

Present for AFL - Callahan, Kelley, Lavigne, Lawler, Norton, O'Donnell and Pratt.

AFL - last week we proposed President, Secretary-Treasurer-Legislative Agent, Executive Vice President and Executive Secretary.

CIO - you propose AFL get President and Secretary-Treasurer-Legislative Agent. We propose CIO get President and Executive Vice President - one paid officer. We propose 4 Departments with appointed heads under supervision of Executive Officers, subject to approval or disapproval of Executive Board, we suggested 36 Board members last week, we would be willing to go to 32 members - divided equally, and take care of the women as the AFL suggested; if AFL has Secretary-Treasurer, we want Legislative Agent, we would like your answer on this.

AFL - our proposal unacceptable to them. Board should be chosen on numerical strength, should have more discussion on departments, their proposition is for the best of the organization.

CIO - we propose that voting at the convention be on a per capita basis; that is delegates vote the average membership they have paid per capita on. Per capita votes of the local to be divided among the delegates from the local, no delegate could cast over 600 votes. The old AFL and CIO and the International Unions vote on a per capita basis.

AFL - This is unacceptable to us.

CIO - it appears that we have reached an impasse, are you willing to join with us in asking Washington to send in representatives to help in working out an agreement?

AFL - we agree to ask Washington for help.

After discussion it was agreed that each organization would send a wire to President Meany, telling him we had reached an impasse and asking him to send in representatives to help. It was also agreed that the two Presidents sit down and write out a press release on our requesting Washington to send in representatives.