

University Workers May Get Security, Unemployment Aid

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Recommendations concerning social security coverage and unemployment compensations affecting University employees were among items in a 16-point program passed by the state convention of the Building Service Employees International Union (AFL) Saturday and Sunday at the Nittany Lion Inn, for consideration by the incoming state legislature.

McDevitt Pledges Aid To Workers

James L. McDevitt, director of Labor's League for Political Education, pledged Sunday that the American Federation of Labor would seek to keep all AFL state employees in their jobs, regardless of their civil service status.

McDevitt spoke at the closing session of the 16th annual state convention of the Building Service Employees International Union (AFL) Sunday afternoon in the Nittany Lion Inn.

He told the convention's delegates that the AFL is "not going to stand idly by if a political leader makes a raid on civil service."

Leader Pledges Discussion
McDevitt said he could well understand the concern state employees felt as a result of the recent election. But he added that the AFL has had assurances from governor-elect George M. Leader that they can discuss personnel policies with the new administration.

McDevitt then gave a quick analysis of the nation-wide election in November as it affects labor. McDevitt said four new "liberal" members had been elected to the United States Senate and 29 to the U.S. House of Representatives.

He said that 542 candidates considered friendly to labor had been elected to upper and lower houses in 48 state legislatures.

Lose in Two States
McDevitt said that in only two states did labor lose "friends," and only in a third state did they fail to pick up any.

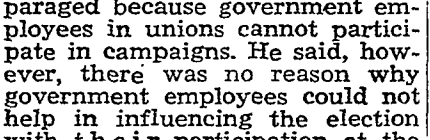
McDevitt said that the participation of President Dwight D. Eisenhower in the campaign did help the Republicans on the national level, but it was "significant to note that people don't follow his line when it came to voting for state legislatures."

He said this proved that labor will judge candidates on the basis of a candidate's record, rather than his ability.

McDevitt said some parts of the political labor movement are disparaged because government employees in unions cannot participate in campaigns. He said, however, there was no reason why government employees could not help in influencing the election with their participation at the polls.

Labor's League for Political Education is the organization of the AFL for influencing and endorsing political policies and candidates.

McDevitt formerly was president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor.



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Demos, GOPs To Debate Tonight?

The campus Democrats spent yesterday afternoon and evening debating with the campus Republicans over whether the Democrats will debate with the Republicans tonight.

The question, as of 10:30 last night, was quite unsettled.

You see, the Penn State Young Democratic Club was scheduled to debate the negative and the Penn State Young Republican Club the affirmative of the topic: "Resolved: That President Eisenhower has done a great deal to improve the economic well-being of the American people."

That was at 4 p.m. yesterday. At 4:10 p.m. Republican debater Ben Sinclair wandered into the Daily Collegian office and announced it was, alas, all off.

Sinclair exited. Then Thurman Lorick, the Democrats' veep, entered, declaring the debate on again.

He heard the news, made small number of telephone calls, and left, crying, "Default!"

Then the group's advisers held hasty phone consultations. They returned the question to the student-politicians to settle.

As of 11 last night, no one was quite sure whether the debate will be held tonight. If it is, it'll be at 7:30 p.m. in 317 Willard.

Lois Hummel and William Appleton were scheduled to be the Democrats' standard bearers. No one was quite sure who, if anyone, would present the case of the GOP.

Annual Carol Sing Set for Thursday

The annual All-University Christmas Carol Sing will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday on the steps of Old Main, Alexander Zerbin, coordinator, said last night.

The program, co-sponsored by the University Christian Association and the Department of Music, will feature the Chapel Choir and a brass ensemble from the Blue Band. There will also be a brief address by Wilmer E. Kenworthy, Director of Student Affairs.

Hummel Fishburn, head of the department of music, will direct group carol singing.

tion, and greatly concerned with problems of the University.

At the meeting, Paul J. Cush, Greensburg, was re-elected to serve another four year term as president of the union.

Fifty-one delegates attended the sessions of the 16th annual convention of the union. Twenty additional delegates were prevented from attending the convention because they were unable to travel to State College from Pittsburgh because of inclement weather.

Yule Display

AIM, Leonides Plan Contest

The Association of Independent Men and Leonides will sponsor a Christmas window display contest and award \$40 in prizes, but details of the contest have not been settled.

The AIM Board of Governors last night approved a \$25 prize allocation but no conclusions as to the precise nature of the contest were reached.

Leonides President Joan Packard said at the meeting that unless AIM would contribute \$50 for prizes, Leonides would not give its share of \$15 originally agreed upon. However, in a phone call to the Daily Collegian office after she left the meeting, Miss Packard said that Leonides would co-sponsor the contest and contribute \$15.

"Unequal Share"
Miss Packard had said that Leonides would be contributing more than its share if AIM limited its allocation to \$25. She said Leonides will pay approximately \$30 for refreshments after the AIM-Leonides Christmas Carol Sing tomorrow night while AIM will bear no expenses for the sing.

According to original plans outlined by project committee chairman H. Arthur Simm, judging was to take place at 7 tonight. Decorations would be judged in two categories, individual windows and entire dormitories. Three prizes were to be given in each category.

Objections Raised
Objections to these suggestions raised were:

1. It would be impossible to judge all dormitory windows in less than six hours and this judging could not begin at night.

2. Since the contest is being sponsored by AIM it would be unfair to exclude town independents.

3. Judging entire dormitories was not feasible.

There were three reasons voiced supporting the last point: distribution and-or expenditure of the prize money, the prohibition of decorations on the outside of dormitories, and inequality of the size of Hamilton Hall and a dorm in the Nittany-Pollock area.

James W. Dean, assistant to the dean of men in charge of independent affairs and board advisor, said that something would have to be done to prevent a recurrence of "last year's fiasco."

Held Party
Dean was referring to the incident in which the men in the dormitory winning the display contest used the prize money to hold a beer party in the dorm. He pointed out that a possible alternative to giving the money to the dorm as a whole would be to divide the money among the men in the dorms. This division, he said, would make each man's prize only a few cents.

Dean also reminded the board of a prohibition against outside decorations being enforced by the Department of Housing. He said that Housing's original order had been disregarded but that yesterday members of the department had visited the Nittany-Pollock area to see that all outside decorations were removed.

In previous years decorations of dorms in that area have usually consisted of roof-tops displays and the like.

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