Civil rights legislation major issue at AFL-CIO council session

There are ominous signs that a recession is on its way, arriving next year unless decisive action is taken now, the AFL-CIO Executive Council warned at its summer meeting last month. Topping labor's recommended anti-slump measures was a substantial tax cut for low and moderate income taxpayers.

Two other major developments at the meeting included a report of progress in equal rights-in labor and in the community-and endorsement of the atomic test ban treaty as a first step toward reducing mass-destruction weapons.

Among the indications of a recession, disclosed by the council, are declining hard goods orders, a drop in steel production, failure of retail sales or new housing construction to increase and over-all industrial operations at 85 per cent of capacity.

WITH a six-year jobless rate of more than 5 per cent, the AFL-CIO urged Congress to cut individual income taxes to increase buying power to increase sales and jobs. Corporations got a $2,000,000,000 tax cut last year, individuals got none, the council pointed out.

Along with a tax cut, more public works are needed as an essential job-producing supplement, the executive council said.

The executive council made public its civil rights committee report showing that of the AFL-CIO's more than 55,000 local unions, only 172 still segregate their members. These, AFL-CIO President George Meany said, are feeling the "heat" from their international unions.

BESIDES cleaning up its own house, the AFL-CIO will fight segregation and discrimination in communities throughout the nation. First target is Cincinnati where a labor task force will assist local central union bodies in

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