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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 for 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 release more 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

joining with other citizens groups for civil rights. Next areas for a similar effort are tentatively Boston and Washington, D.C.

The executive council, meeting at Unity House, Pennsylvania, also called for an all-out drive to reduce the rate at which youths

are dropping out of high school before graduation.

One main weapon against school dropouts, which contribute heavily to unemployment, should be more Federal aid to education enabling schools to meet students' needs more adequately, the council said.

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