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The following statement was issued by AFL-CIO president George Meany, on "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week":

"The AFL-CIO is built on the Trade Union tradition of working for the general welfare of all people -- and that includes, of course, the physically handicapped. We believe America's handicapped workers are entitled to a chance to prove their ability. It's ability, not disability, that counts.

"This is the 12th year in which the National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week (October 7-13, 1956) will be observed. For the millions of handicapped in America, this week will be just a little brighter than the last.

"During the past 12 years since the law was enacted, we have seen a growing interest in this problem. Thousands of handicapped workers have proved their ability to perform useful work whenever they are given employment opportunities.

"Jobs must be made available to them. Jobs for which they have been trained and for which they are qualified.

"Our unions are determined to do what they can to see that a person with an impairment is not denied the opportunity to earn a living.

"We believe that management should take an enlightened view of this problem, but we also believe in accepting our own share of this responsibility.

"I urge all members of organized labor as well as the general public to help in the national program to give the physically handicapped equal job opportunity -- not only during this week but the year 'round."

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SURVEY OF LABOR'S PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMS
FOR EMPLOYMENT OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

The following questions have been designed to provide the AFL-CIO with a working knowledge of Labor's participation in national, state and community programs, and also of Labor's own programs for promoting equal job opportunities for the physically handicapped. The results of this survey will be used in the furtherance of our efforts to aid the physically handicapped.

Name of State or
Local Central Body _____

1. President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped

a. Does your organization have a representative on this Committee?

Yes _____ No _____ Name of
Representative _____

2. State or Governor's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped

a. Does your organization have a representative on this Committee?

Yes _____ No _____ Name of
Representative _____

b. How often does this Committee meet during the year?

c. Does your representative serve on any of the subcommittees of this Committee?

Yes _____ No _____ Name of sub-
committee _____

d. What progress is being made by the Committee in assisting the handicapped to obtain suitable employment?

3. Community Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped

a. Does your community have a Committee to promote employment of the physically handicapped?

Yes _____ No _____

b. Does your organization have a representative on this Committee?

Yes _____ No _____ Name of
Representative _____

c. How often does the Community Committee meet during the year?

d. Does your representative serve on any of the subcommittees of this Committee?

Yes _____ No _____ Name of sub-committee _____

e. What progress is being made by the Committee in assisting the handicapped to obtain suitable employment?

4. Policy

Does your organization have a stated policy (convention resolution or otherwise) in support of programs for employment of the handicapped?

If Yes, please
Yes _____ No _____ describe _____

5. Publicity

Has your organization published articles, stories, newsletters, or disseminated other material relating to employment of the handicapped?

If Yes, please
Yes _____ No _____ furnish material _____

6. Other Activities

Has your organization engaged in other activities to aid the physically handicapped?

If Yes, please
Yes _____ No _____ describe _____

Note: If additional space is needed to answer questions, attach extra sheet.