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To Secretaries Central Labor Unions

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

We, as officers of several A.F. of L. International Unions, call to your attention the continuing campaign of the American Federation of the Physically Handicapped, to improve conditions amongst our 38,000,000 Physically Handicapped, both economic and social.

AFPH has been chartered for about 14 years. It has pioneered laws and administrative policies relating to the Handicapped, in Government, and has made a splendid record effectuating these, in outside Industry and Business, as well as through various groups of Educators, Physicians, Veterans, Women, Farm, Civic and Fraternal, and other organizations.

On October 28, 1953, President George Meany addressed all Officers of National and International Unions, State Federations, Central Labor Unions, and directly affiliated Local Unions of the A.F. of L., saying:

"The Convention (1953) endorsed the program of the American Federation of the Physically Handicapped in dealing with the problems of millions of physically handicapped citizens, and particularly its legislative proposals for the establishment of a Federal Agency for Handicapped, a National Leprosy Act, and Tax Exemptions for Handicapped and those who support handicapped persons, as set forth in Resolution 137; and called upon affiliated organizations to lend legislative and, if possible, financial support to the American Federation of the Physically Handicapped."

AFPH's present budget calls for \$150,000 for the current year's operations, and, as it faces the heaviest program, especially in the light of continuing unemployment, in and out of Congress, it has ever had, this is a modest sum, indeed.



We, in Labor, are proud to have given support to AFPH, not only because of the highly humanitarian services and jobs its work has been the means of providing to millions of Handicapped, among whom are numbered many members of Labor Unions and their families, but, it has collaborated 100% with us, and since our own interests are vitally at stake in pressing consummation of its program, especially the FEDERAL AGENCY FOR HANDICAPPED and TAX EXEMPTION BILLS, etc., - we ask that you join with us in lending further support to AFPH, NOW!

We therefore ask that you contribute generously to AFPH. If you have made a contribution already, and can increase it, do so, as programs involving more than \$250,000,000 are involved, and we would be short-sighted, indeed, if we failed to back such a fight, in our own interests.

This money is needed, and we know it will be put to excellent use, and we urge you to send as much as may be possible, now, and endeavor to arrange so that AFPH may have regular annual contributions from you, for the work it does.

All contributions should be sent to Paul A. Strachan, President, American Federation of the Physically Handicapped, 1370 National Press Building, Washington 4, D. C.

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