American Federation of the Physically Handicapped, Inc.

Chartered in Washington, D.C. August 20, 1942

AFFILIATES: AFPH Educational Fund, Inc., AFPH Institute for Human Engineering, Inc.

(Contributions to affiliates are tax-deductible)

July 29, 1955

COME TO A F.P.H. CONVENTION

To Presidents and Secretaries, National and International Unions, and State and City Organizations of Labor

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

The Seventh Triennial Convention of the American Federation of the Physically Handicapped will be held in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, August 28-31, 1955, Fort Stanwix Hotel.

You are cordially invited to attend, and for your convenience, a hotel reservation slip is enclosed, which you can fill out and return, to cover your own, or your representative's reservation.

Labor has had a tremendous part in development of the Handicapped Program, and has been the backbone of A.F.P.H. support.

The latchstring, therefore, is out to all Labor Leaders, whom we regard as friends and allies, and whom we hope will attend and participate in the activities of the Convention.

Labor Leaders need to know, for the sake of the welfare of their members, the latest developments in rehabilitation, including both physical restoration, and education, guidance, counseling, along with the most important of all, Selective Placement.

The various Discussion Panels in Convention will present these matters, with the foremost experts in the U.S.A. as discussants.

I hope you will advise me of your intention to attend, and I shall look forward to seeing you in Johnstown.

Fraternally,

Paul A. Strachan
President
ADVANCE REGISTRATION for the 7th NATIONAL CONVENTION
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED
Convention Headquarters – Ft. Stanwix Hotel

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, Inc.
1370 National Press Building
Washington 4, D. C. Date __________________________

Check payable to AFPH, Inc. (Convention Fund) enclosed in amount of $_________

☐ ADVANCE REGISTRATION including ticket to GALA BANQUET — $8.50
☐ SINGLE DAY REGISTRATION — $1.50 — (Check date)
☐ Monday — August 29 ☐ Tuesday — August 30 ☐ Wednesday, August 31
☐ BANQUET only — $5.00 7:00 p.m. August 31st

Convention officially opens Monday, August 29th — 9:30 A.M.
Pre-Convention SOCIAL MIXER — Sunday evening, August 28th — 7:00 o’clock
Please check here if you will attend ☐

Immediately upon receipt of your Advance Registration you will be sent a Convention
sticker suitable for your luggage or car. Also a Receipt showing you have paid.
ADVANCE REGISTRATION CLOSES August 17th. After that date it will be $9.00.

☐ Delegate ☐ Alternate ☐ Member ☐ Visitor

Signed ________________________________

If representing an organization or firm, list name ________________________________

Address ________________________________ City ________ Zone ___ State ____

If you are registering for more than one person, list their names and addresses on
reverse side of this Advance Registration Sheet, or write for more registration forms.
APPLICATION FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

FORT STANWIX HOTEL
7th NATIONAL CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

Date ____________________________

Individual requesting reservations:
Name ____________________________
Mailing Address ___________________ City ______ Zone ______ State ______


ROOM WILL BE OCCUPIED BY: (Check if person uses Wheelchair)
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REMEMBER THE CONVENTION DATES IN AUGUST

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Date of Departure ____________________________ Time ____________________________ AM

CHECK ONE: DELEGATE _______ ALTERNATE _______ MEMBER _______ VISITOR _______

NOTE: The hotel is cooperating with our efforts to accommodate those with walking disabilities. There are railings. There will be a ramp with men to assist those in wheelchairs. Individuals requiring attendants must make their own arrangements for same.

If a room at the rate requested is unavailable, one at the nearest available rate will be reserved.

HELP YOUR HOST LODGE AND THE RESERVATION COMMITTEE BY GETTING IN YOUR APPLICATIONS EARLY. Should you find that it is necessary to cancel for some unavoidable reason, notify the hotel and your Reservations Committee. There is a live-wire Convention Arrangements Committee but they must know early the approximate number for which to plan. IT'S A GOOD TIME TO TAKE THAT VACATION.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

9:30 A.M. Invocation: Rev. Father Richard Rogan, Pastor, St. Barnabas Catholic Church

PANEL DISCUSSION: “AFPH ORGANIZATION PROBLEMS”
- Organizing; Development of Members’ Interest; Lodge Finances; Fund-Raising; Publicity, etc.
Chairman: Albert Hopfer, President, Coraopolis Lodge, AFPH
Discussants: Samuel H. Castanier; G. Wendell Swain; Ruth Loyster; Mary Ellen McDonald; Georgia L. McCullough; Marlow Munns; Iride Valmassy; Marilyn Woods; Marianne Yambor; William M. Frederick; R. J. Davis; Arthur Prato; Kenneth E. Miller; Alfred H. Graver; Katherine M. Koehler; Mollie K. Tinnell; Edward Waskoski

12 Noon Address: Hon. Robert Ramspeck, Vice President, Eastern Air Lines, Washington, D.C.

12:30 P.M. Recess

2 P.M. Address: George Meany, President, American Federation of Labor
Address: Harry Boyer, President, Pennsylvania CIO Council
Discussion of Report of Leo J. Buettner, Chairman, AFPH National Finance & Ways and Means Committee
“GOOD OF THE ORDER”—Round table discussion

5 P.M. Adjournment—Sine Die

7 P.M. BANQUET
Invocation: Rev. D. A. Miller, D.D., Ferndale Evangelical United Brethren Church
Addresses:
- Elwood Moffett, United Mine Workers of America
- Hon. George M. Leader, Governor of Pennsylvania
Benediction:
- Rev. Father Gerald E. Stephens, St. Michaels Catholic Church
SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

10 A.M. Meeting, Special Committee of AFPH Council, Fort Stanwix Hotel

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

10 A.M. Meeting, AFPH National Council
Discussion: AFPH Program; legislation; finances; proposed amendments to Constitution and By-Laws and other Business matters

2 to 5 P.M. Registration—Main Lobby, Fort Stanwix
7 P.M. "Social Mixer" — Officers, Delegates, Members—Guests of Johnstown Lodge—AFPH, Fort Stanwix Ballroom

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

10 A.M. Opening of Convention — Fort Stanwix Ballroom
Convention Called to Order: Leo J. Buettner, Vice President and Chairman, Convention Committee
Invocation: Dr. Verne K. Harvey, Medical Director, AFPH
Greetings from Representatives of the American Legion; Veterans of Foreign Wars; Disabled American Veterans; AMVETS; Catholic War Veterans
Introduction of AFPH National President by Barney Hopkins, Vice President
"WHAT AFPH MEANS TO THE HANDICAPPED"—Paul A. Strachan, President, AFPH
Greetings
Hon. John P. Saylor, U.S. Representative, District 22, Pennsylvania

12:30 P.M. Recess

2 P.M. Introduction of and Greetings from AFPH Officers
Address
Del Roy Wurster, Executive Vice President, Johnstown Chamber of Commerce
Greetings from Representatives of the American Legion; Veterans of Foreign Wars; Disabled American Veterans; AMVETS; Catholic War Veterans
Address: Walter P. Reuther, President, Congress of Industrial Organizations
Address: Dr. Verne K. Harvey, Medical Director, U.S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Address: Earl C. Bohr, Sec'y-Treas., Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor

5:30 P.M. Recess

7:30 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION—Open ONLY to AFPH Members—Discuss and act on proposed amendments to National Constitution and By-Laws.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

9:30 A.M. Invocation: Cantor Manfred F. Kuttner, Beth Zion Temple
Panel Discussion: "JOBS FOR HANDICAPPED"—Co-Chairmen: Hon. John R. Torquato, Secretary, Labor and Industry, State of Pennsylvania
Glenn Thiel, Treasurer, W. J. Thiele & Sons, Inc.
Glenn A. Leadsburg, Director, Industrial Relations, National U.S. Radiator Corp.
William Appleton, President, National Handicapped Industries, Pittsburgh
David Glavin, Deputy Secretary, Labor & Industry, State of Pennsylvania
Allen Sulcwe, Pennsylvania Employment Service
Kenneth E. Karl, Director, Williamsport (Pa.) Technical Institute
Dr. Verne K. Harvey, Medical Director, U.S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C.
J. H. Van Schoick, Ex. Officer, Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, U.S. Veterans Admin., Washington, D.C.

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