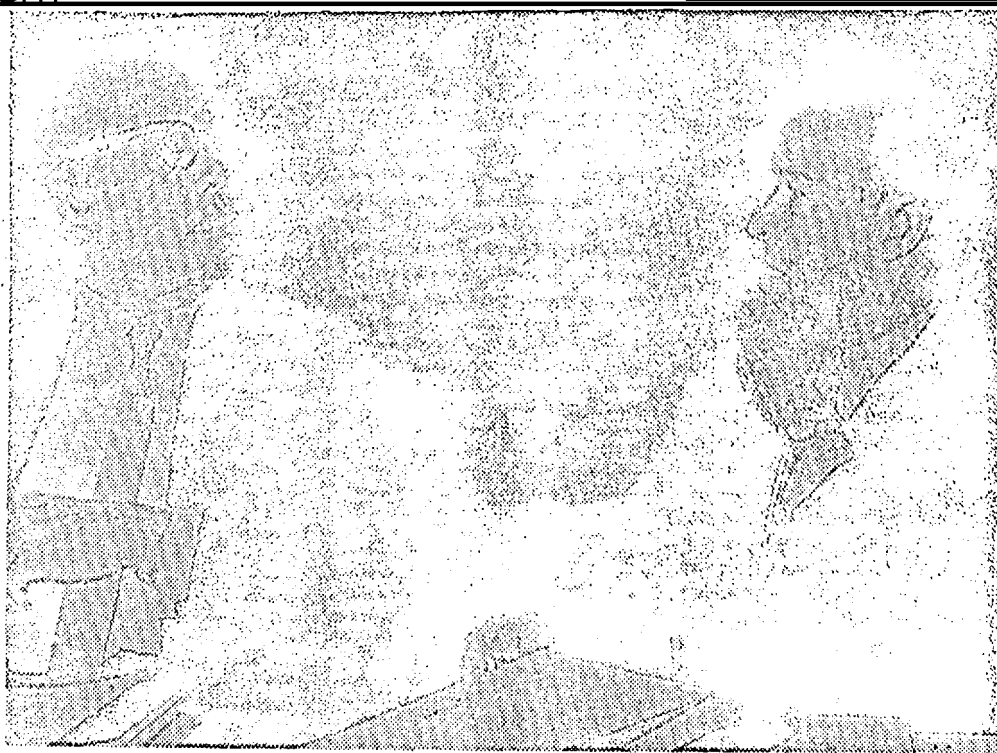


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THE TOPIC IS A.F.L.-C.I.O. ACTIVITIES ABROAD: George Meany, left, president of the merged labor organization, and Walter P. Reuther, a vice president of the organization and head of the United Automobile Workers, at Chicago meeting yesterday.

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Labor Chiefs Back Aid to Latin-American Unions

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CHICAGO, Aug. 22—Organized labor's high command strongly supported today a four-year-old program for assisting trade unions in Latin America.

At the same time the labor leaders rebuked one of labor's own leaders in international affairs, Victor Reuther, for criticizing the union program.

The executive council of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, holding its quarterly meeting here, adopted a resolution commending the American Institute for Free Labor Development for its work in carrying out the policies of the merged labor movement in the international field. The council rejected "out of hand the campaign of vilification that has been conducted against the A.F.L.D."

The institute conducts the Latin-American program.

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George Meany, president of the labor federation, in reporting on the council's action, said that critics of the institute had charged that it was fomenting revolutions in Latin America, was serving as an arm of the

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agent of the Central Intelligence Agency.

One of the chief critics of the institute has been Mr. Reuther, director of international affairs for the United Automobile Workers. His views and activities have often brought him into conflict with the more conservative policies of the international affairs department of the A.F.L.-C.I.O., directed by Jay Lovestone.

The council's rebuke of critics of the institute did not directly involve differences between Mr. Reuther and Mr. Lovestone, but it did serve once again to accentuate the schism, particularly regarding international affairs, that has been developing between Mr. Meany and Walter P. Reuther, a vice president of the merged federation who is also president of the auto workers and Victor Reuther's brother.

The vote on the resolution supporting the institute and rebuking its critics was 23 to 2, with 3 members absent. The negative votes were cast by Walter Reuther and Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union. Jacob

gamated Clothing Workers, abstained from voting.

The executive council took up the issue at the behest of Joseph Beirne, president of the Communications Workers of America and also secretary-treasurer of the institute. He gave a detailed report on the activities of the institute, which was founded in 1962 to train Latin-American trade unionists in this country, to set up national training centers in various nations and to assist in the establishment of low-cost housing projects.

In other resolutions the executive council pledged support to the unions currently attempting to negotiate new contracts with the Western Electric Company, the General Electric Company and the Westinghouse Corporation.

Mr. Meany indicated that the settlement terms of the recent airlines strike would spur other unions to seek agreements higher than the 3.2 per cent guidelines of the President's Council of Economic Advisers. He was critical of attempts to make specific applications of the guidelines.

"The unions are asking what they're entitled to," Mr. Meany said. "If it's over 3.2 per cent, so be it."

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