

President Asks Co-operation By Organized Labor

Chicago, Oct. 12 — President Truman said labor must dovetail its own goals with those of the nation because now "the peace of the world may be at stake."

A message from the President read to the American Federation of Labor convention here said the United States can enjoy "secure abundance" provided industry, labor and government cooperate fully.

The President's message followed an address by Gen. Carl Spaatz, commander of the Army air forces, who said that plane production has been allowed to lag behind the nation's security needs.

"Industry in aviation is not now being kept up to the capacity demanded by national security," Spaatz declared. "Meanwhile, the nation's defenses are reduced x x x. In an emergency that would count against us."

The air forces chief said any future war would be fought in the air with the "whole Arctic region an area of conflict" and the nation's industrial middle-west a vulnerable target for an "overwhelming surprise attack from the air."

Spaatz said there would be no time to prepare if war broke out again. He pointed to the collapse of Germany and Japan as their penalty for "losing control of the air over their own lands."

"Pushbutton warfare has not arrived, except in the headlines," Spaatz told the convention. "Air power determines our country's position in the air age."

President Truman's message said organized labor has an important part to play in this "great moment of history," an "obligation" imposed "at a time when not only the welfare and security of the American people, but the peace of the world may be at stake."

"To me at least," Mr. Truman said, "the part that organized labor must play is definite and clear. Now, more than ever, organized labor must speak for and act in behalf of all who labor. You must demonstrate, as you did during the war, that the goals of organized labor are identical with the goals of our Democratic nation."

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