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## **AFL Asks Guarantees In Bretton Woods Plan**

Washington, Apr. 27 (AP)—AFL President William Green today urged Congress to approve the Bretton Woods monetary agreements after adding provisions he said would protect labor.

Terming approval of plans for a world bank and currency stabilization fund of "vital importance," Green suggested to the House Banking Committee that these two policy declarations be inserted:

1. That consultation with the international labor organizations be made a basic administrative procedure before deciding upon use of funds. 2. That in considering bank loans the recipient be required to guarantee observance of prevailing wages and hours, safety and health standards and, in general, the labor standards recommended by the ILO.

### **"Matter of Decency"**

"The American Federation of Labor," Green said, "believes that

it is both a matter of human decency and also a matter of enlightened self-interest on the part of the U. S. to share in restoring the pre-war economic status of our Allies."

"It will be necessary to take action in other important fields, such as food, cartels, surplus commodities, aviation and others, and it is not to be expected that the Bretton Woods agreements alone will afford a complete solution to post-war chaos in international trade. "We do believe, however, that these agreements can make a substantial contribution towards solving immediate and long-term problems of exchange and international investment," Green said.