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N. Y. CIO Protests Anti-Labor Films

NEW YORK — Charges that films supplied the state school system through the American Economic Foundation were “anti-labor and economically biased” were levelled here by Louis Hollander, president of the New York state CIO council.

Hollander flatly opposed continued use of the films in the schools and urged that, where they had been shown, labor be given the chance to present its viewpoint in a similar manner.

“We are deeply alarmed by this evident attempt of the American Economic Foundation to insinuate its own brand of ‘economics’ into our schools,” Hollander said in a letter to Dr. James E. Allen, Jr., state commissioner of education, and Dr. William Jansen, city superintendent of schools.

The Foundation, which Hollander charged was “ultra-conservative,” in a recent pamphlet attacked UAW President Walter P. Reuther’s proposal to fight the recession by increasing purchasing power through higher wages and lowering prices. Reuther’s proposal, the foundation said, would cause a shift of purchasing power away from persons who would invest in business and industry and thus “reduce the stock of tools on which our national strength and prosperity depend.”

These educational films, over a 7-year period have been shown to millions of union members in thousands of factories with the consistent and enthusiastic cooperation of local union officers.

For 20 years all of the works of The American Economic Foundation have been aimed at improving the economic welfare of the American worker.

The shoe is on the other foot — it was the schools that asked AEF to provide the films. They have been reviewed and approved by more than 300 high school systems from coast to coast.

“Campaign oratory”—as a national policy this is arithmetically impossible in the face of the known facts.

How can this basic truth possibly be cited as a mis-statement of fact?