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I.L.O. At Geneva: The International Labour Organization on July 11 sent to its member Governments for possible ratification the text of a new world convention guaranteeing the rights of workers to organize and bargain collectively.

The instrument, which was adopted at Geneva on July 11 at the 32nd session of the International Labour Conference, supplements the 1948 convention on freedom of association.

The main points of the new convention are:

1. It protects workers against anti-union discrimination with respect to their employment.
2. It forbids making the employment of a worker subject to his refraining from joining a union or subject to his relinquishing union membership.
3. It forbids the discharge of a worker for union membership or for union activity outside working hours.
4. It protects both employers' and workers' organizations against interference by each other.
5. It calls for machinery appropriate to national conditions where necessary to ensure and respect organizing rights.
6. It asks for measures appropriate to national conditions where necessary to promote machinery for voluntary negotiation between employers and workers.

The document leaves to national laws or regulations the extent to which the convention shall apply to armed forces or police.

Public servants engaged in the administration of the member state are removed from the scope of the convention without prejudice to their rights or statutes.

In three and one half weeks of deliberations at the International Labour Organization's 32nd general Conference at Geneva, 550 delegates and advisers from 50 countries adopted three new International Labour Conventions and revised five others, approved three new Recommendations and revised another, and voted resolutions charting I.L.O. policy in several fields.

The Conference also approved a budget of \$5,983,526 for 1950.

Plan "Exercise Eagle": Plans for one of the largest operational exercises ever held by Canada's defence forces in peacetime are now complete and final preparations for "Exercise Eagle" are under way, it was announced on July 12 by Defence Headquarters. The exercise will be held between August 4 - 7 in Canada's northwest, along the Northwest Highway System.

Fighting paratroops, air crews, ground crews, vehicles, equipment, fighter and bomber planes and operational and administrative staff will converge on the operational base at Grande Prairie for several days prior to the start of the joint operation. It is expected that more than 1,000 servicemen will be based at the northern town while the exercise is taking place.

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