

TEXAS UNIONS UNITE TO FORM CIO STATE BODY

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Over 150 representatives of CIO unions met in Beaumont Texas on June 20th to take action to form the first state organization of the CIO in the country. J. A. Benson and James E. Crossland, militant leaders of the Oil Workers, were elected President and Secretary-treasurer respectively. This is a temporary setup. The conference was very democratic; much more so than any state labor meeting in this state has been for a long time.

The conference approved a definite program and the machinery to set it up.

1. That the CIO unions establish closer unity between all union-minded groups that are in sympathy with the objectives and principles of CIO.

2. Aid all local groups that are seeking organization into bonafide labor organizations, as against "company" unions.

3. Establishment of headquarters to be clearing house for all state functions.

4. Promote through the central set-up, as well as through local or district organizations, educational and organization activities.

5. Inaugurate a regular and informative publicity campaign through the daily press of each local or district.

6. Elect a state-wide committee to be composed of elected delegates from locals throughout the state.

Before the conference adjourned, a motion was made to send a letter of protest to Secretary of Labor Perkins against the use of violence, and guerrilla warfare against the steel strikers.