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Nixon Talks Tough--Labor Is Hostile

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President Nixon asked the AFL-CIO convention yesterday to support Phase Two of his economic plan, but said Phase Two will continue regardless of organized labor.

"We want the participation of labor," the President told the 2000 delegates, who had voted Thursday to adopt a policy of non-co-operation with the Pay Board's wage controls.

"But whether we get that participation or not, it is my obligation as President of the United States to make this program of stopping the rise in the cost of living succeed, and to the extent that my powers allow it, I shall do exactly that," he said.

Mr. Nixon was given a chilly reception from the union leaders, who had been told beforehand to express what one official called "silent contempt" when the President appeared.

There was no band to play the customary "Hail to the Chief" when Mr. Nixon arrived, many of the delegates refused to stand when he entered the big ballroom and there was no live radio or television coverage of his speech.

As one AFL-CIO spokesman pointed out, the electronic media didn't request live coverage of AFL-CIO President George Meany's speech on Thursday and "what's good for George Meany is good enough for Richard Nixon."

Mr. Nixon, who told delegates he ignored from his staff not his speech, disprepared speech off-the-cuff economist