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# Opposition To Meany on War Grows

WASHINGTON — (AP) — An increasingly vocal group of union leaders is opposing AFL-CIO President George Meany's support of President Nixon's war policies in Vietnam and Cambodia.

"The AFL-CIO is not infallible, and many of us feel strongly that it is out of step with the thinking of the 13 million members it represents," says the 350,000-member Amalgamated Meat Cutters union.

"Our members, like all working people and like the majority of all Americans, want peace. And they want peace now, without delay, without further military adventures, without more killing," says President Jacob Potofsky of the 400,000-member Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

These sentiments are echoed by several other union leaders whose followers add up to about 10 percent of the labor federation's 13.6 million members.

In addition, the two largest unions, which are outside the AFL-CIO — the United Auto Workers with 1.6 million members and the Teamsters Union with 2 million — oppose Nixon on the war through their Alliance for Labor Action.

"This union is opposed to the expansion of the Vietnam war into Cambodia and urges withdrawal of all American troops from Vietnam consistent with the safety of troops," said the 460,000-member American Federation of State, County and Municipal Workers headed by Jerry Wurf.

Only three of the AFL-CIO's 35-man Executive Council voted against the resolution of support for Nixon's Cambodian intervention. They were Wurf, President William Pollock of the 200,000-member Textile Workers Union of America, and Herman Kenin, president of the 260,000-member American Federation of Musicians, who said he was voting his personal conviction and did not know how his union might vote at a convention. Potofsky was absent during the vote.