

Labor Meeting Hears Demos

Nixon Policies Hit Hard

Miami Beach

Senators Henry M. Jackson (Dem-Wash.) and Edward M. Kennedy (Dem-Mass.), potential competitors for labor's support in the presidential politics of 1976, each charged before the AFL-CIO national convention yesterday that President Nixon's detente with the Soviet Union contributed to the Mideast crisis.

Both men also roundly criticized Mr. Nixon's economic policy as disastrous for the nation and its working men.

JACKSON

Jackson, sponsor of legislation to generate alternate sources of American fuel in the face of the Mideast war, said the U.S. is "not going to be blackmailed by the Arabs." With these alternate sources, including conversion of shale for oil and greater dependence on coal, "we can thumb our nose at

those who would blackmail or attempt to blackmail the United States," he said.

Of detente with the Soviet Union, Jackson said:

"All Americans wish to see a genuine detente, a human detente based upon progress in the area of human rights and cooperation in the cause of peace. Unfortunately, the evidence is mounting that what we are getting is the illusion of detente — an arrangement between the White House and the Kremlin that has failed to advance the cause of human rights and, as the events of the last two weeks have shown, is incapable of keeping the peace."

Kennedy charged that the Watergate and related scandals have so weakened the Nixon administration that "they threaten our ability to meet the crisis in the Middle East (and) to recognize the perils as well as the promise of detente."

In the face of "a major So-

viet buildup of Arab forces," Kennedy said, "the failure of the administration to respond diplomatically before war broke out can be seen only in the context of our overall weakness in foreign policy."

ECONOMICS

"The obvious push by the Soviet Union to advance its own interests in the Middle East, its obvious disregard for human rights within its own borders, while the administration offers unduly generous trade concessions — these are the obvious sins of our nation's excessive reliance on the promise of detente

On the Nixon economic policy, Jackson said it has produced "a raging inflation that has picked the pocket of every American" with "one

phase after another of discriminatory controls that keep the working man in a bind while the favored few profit . . . this administration has done more to unbalance our economy, to indulge the greed of the rich while denying the need of the poor, than any in memory."

Kennedy called the Nixon economics a "tinker - toy philosophy of economic bungling in the nation's history" over the past four and a half years.

"This administration," Kennedy said, ". . . has had its foot in its mouth, its hand in your pocket, its tongue in its cheek, its finger in the air, its eye on Dow - Jones — and that's how they're trying to run the country."

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