

A New Blast By Meany at White House

Miami Beach

AFL-CIO President George Meany accused the Nixon administration yesterday of incompetence, corruption and stupidity.

"We see utter incompetence in the domestic field. We see corruption at the highest levels of government, and we see crass stupidity in dealing with our foreign policy," Meany told the AFL-CIO Union Labor and Service Trades Department Convention.

Meany also said in a report to the overall AFL-CIO convention opening Thursday that the nation's major problem is the public's lack of confidence in government. This stems, he said, mainly from inflation and the Watergate scandal, and the administration's failure to tell the whole truth about them.

The 79-year-old labor leader said the failure of the White House to control inflation and to adopt "equitable" economic controls was the main evidence of its incompetence in the domestic field.

On the corruption charge, he pointed to the resignation of Vice President Spiro T. Agnew and to the Watergate break-in and related crimes committed by administration officials.

Meany said the White House was stupid for developing the detente with the Soviet Union that so far has meant only unilateral concessions by the United States to the Kremlin.

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