

# Meany Calls Nixon Too Weak at Home For Summit Talks

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MIAMI BEACH, June 4 — George Meany, president of the A.F.L.-C.I.O., urged President Nixon today to call off his planned trip to the Soviet Union, asserting that the Watergate scandals had left him too weak to conduct meaningful negotiations.

In an address to the convention of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, meeting here, Mr. Meany made one of the strongest attacks he had ever made on the President.

Speaking of the coming summit meeting with Leonid Brezhnev, the Soviet Communist party chief, Mr. Meany said:

"I don't ever want an American President to meet with Mr. Brezhnev except from a position of strength. Mr. Nixon does not occupy a position of strength, and I doubt that he ever will again. Not because he has been crippled by partisan enemies, but because he has crippled himself by his own conduct."

Mr. Meany said he eagerly seconded a suggestion made last week by Senator Edward W. Brooke, Republican of Massachusetts, that the summit meeting be canceled, and he saluted Mr. Brooke's "great courage" in attacking the head of his own party.

## Detente Policies Scored

His voice edged with sarcasm, Mr. Meany asked what the President and Mr. Brezhnev could discuss.

"Will he talk about the Jews in the Soviet Union?" Mr. Meany said. "Will he ask for a tour of the lunatic asylums where political dissidents are imprisoned? Will he ask to see the slave-labor camps?"

"Or will they find a common topic, Mr. Nixon and Mr. Brezhnev, and sit around talking about what an exciting prospect it is to use government institutions to harass and intimidate their opponents?"

Mr. Meany also condemned the kind of detente policies pursued by the Nixon Administration. He said:

"Detente is appeasement. Nothing else, pure and simple, but appeasement, it's a give-away in search of profits for our corporations through a combination of American capital and Soviet slave labor."

Senator Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts also addressed the garment workers today and told them he was planning to introduce a floor amendment in the Senate later this month to close loopholes in the tax laws.

"The people who are paying to fill those loopholes of the rich and powerful are the average citizens of this country," he said. "We cannot afford a tax system that allows oil companies to pay less than 5 percent of their income in taxes, when the members of this union pay more than 20 percent."