New York City, Oct. 27 — Following is the advance text of an address, endorsing the re-election of Senator Herbert H. Lehman from New York, scheduled for delivery by President William Green of the American Federation of Labor at 10:45 PM tonight over a State-wide ABC Network:

Our entire nation is watching the Senatorial election in New York State because the result will vitally affect the future policies of our country.

As President of the American Federation of Labor, I appeal to the voters of New York in all earnestness to re-elect Herbert H. Lehman to the United States Senate.

Senator Lehman is a statesman. We all know what he stands for and how ably he carries out his policies. He is progressive, sound, sincere and supremely honest. Far beyond any other candidate, he is capable of giving the people of New York effective representation in the United States Senate. His re-election would prove a blessing for America.

While Senator Lehman's position is clear and unmistakable on the major issues of our times, the views of his opponent, Joe R. Hanley, are clouded and obscure. For eight years he has served as a "Yes Man" to Governor Dewey in Albany. As Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Hanley had no authority and no opportunity to make independent decisions or carry them out. In his campaign thus far, he has indulged in vague and petty criticism of President Truman's foreign policies and equally derogatory statements on the Government's domestic policies. Yet he has offered no constructive program of his own on which the voters can rely.

Before passing final judgment on the candidates, the voters of New York State will want to compare their records.

The record shows that Senator Lehman served as Governor of New York State with a distinction matching that of his renowned predecessors, Al Smith and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Even the Republicans were forced to join in praise of his service as Governor.

On the other hand, the highest office ever held by Mr. Hanley has been Lieutenant Governor, a sinecure requiring very little administrative or executive ability.

In fact, very few voters in New York ever heard of Mr. Hanley until the recent publication of a letter in which he described himself as "heartbroken" over having to run for Senator, instead of getting the nomination for Governor.

In the United States Senate, Mr. Lehman has made a distinguished record in foreign affairs, giving effective and consistent support and leadership to the Government's policy of firm resistance against Soviet aggression. He has voted for full financial assistance to the Marshall Plan and to the Point Four program, designed to help free foreign nations improve their economic standards and fortify their opposition to Communism. That kind of foreign policy offers the only real hope of preserving world peace.

Where does Hanley stand on foreign policy? His record is a blank. In a recent campaign speech, he charged that the power of the Soviet Empire was "fed and fattened" by the Democratic Party and criticized the decisions made at Yalta and Potsdam.
Such statements have a familiar ring. They sound altogether too much like the nothings of the isolationist wing in the Republican Party. They do not indicate any disposition on Mr. Hanley’s part to go along with a unified, bi-partisan foreign policy which is essential in these critical times for our national security.

I emphasize this particular point because in the days ahead the very future of our country and its free institutions may be endangered unless we have a Congress that will work as a team with the President for national defense and world peace. From his campaign statements, Mr. Hanley obviously does not measure up to the high responsibilities which every Senator will have to face. But the voters of New York can have full confidence in Senator Lehman in this vital matter, because of his proven record.

Where do the two candidates stand on the problem which is disturbing every American family today — namely, the high cost of living?

Senator Lehman’s record is clear and forthright. He voted to give the President power to invoke price controls. He voted to extend rent controls. He worked hard in a vain effort to prevail upon Congress to enact excess profits taxes and thus curb profiteering.

Where does Mr. Hanley stand on these issues? Again his record is a blank. But in the past he has been willing to take orders from a State Administration which sponsored a weak and ineffective rent control law and which failed to take any action at all on other aspects of the anti-inflation program.

So far as organized labor is concerned, repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act will be a paramount issue in the next Congress. The great army of union workers in New York State have no doubts as to how Senator Lehman stands on this issue. He was elected a year ago on a platform calling for repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and he has worked hard in the Senate to free labor from the shackles of that obnoxious law. In this campaign he has reiterated his firm determination to keep up that fight for repeal until it is won.

Labor has complete faith in his sincerity and in his friendship.

When it comes to Mr. Hanley, we can only wonder. The Lieutenant Governor professes sympathy with labor’s aims, but his close political associates have praised the Taft-Hartley Act and have supported amendments which would make it even more oppressive.

Faced by a choice between a tried and true friend like Senator Lehman and a doubtful risk, like Mr. Hanley, there is, in my opinion, only one sensible way for the workers of New York State to vote — 100 per cent for Lehman.

There are other important issues, too numerous to analyze in detail. On housing, on social security, on decent minimum wages, on Federal aid to education, on civil rights and on every other major program for the benefit of the great masses of our people, the record of Senator Lehman is crystal clear. He is a champion of the cause of progress, a loyal and dependable supporter of Government action to improve the American way of life, a life-long fighter for the down-trodden.

As to Mr. Hanley, he is obviously no fighter for any cause. His record fails to indicate that he possesses any of the qualities of leadership and statesmanship which a Senator from New York State should have. Even if we are charitable enough to give him the benefit of the doubt regarding issues on which he has no public record, we are still faced by the fact that throughout his career he has been willing to take orders from a political machine — a machine, I might add, that has been consistently
reactionary and rarely progressive in its policies. In fact, Mr. Hanley cuts a rather pathetic figure in this campaign. He is clearly no fit opponent for a man of Senator Lehman's stature, by any standard of measurement for candidates seeking public office.

The American Federation of Labor awaits the verdict of the people of New York State in this election with confidence. We are concerned only about one possible danger — that those who have registered and are qualified to vote may fail to go to the polls on Election Day to cast their ballots.

Under our democratic form of Government, we must depend upon our citizens to earn their high privilege of self-government by making certain to vote. No election contest is a sure thing. Every vote counts. We can get a true mandate from the people, only if each and every qualified citizen votes.

This year, above all, a full vote is of supreme importance. The next Congress will be confronted by major problems, both in the international and domestic fields. The peace of the world and the continued prosperity of the American people will be deeply affected by the decisions that Congress will be called upon to make. To make certain of the election of a Congress that truly represents the will of the people, that will must be expressed by the people at the polls.

With a full vote, I am confident that the voters of New York State will re-elect Herbert H. Lehman to the United States Senate.