Munich, August 10 (Stankovic) -- Sidestepping into international politics in a way familiar to satellite trade unions but somewhat unusual for those of "positive-neutralist" Yugoslavia, the Titoist TU Federation on August 8 castigated the American AFL/CIO Trade Unions for supporting President Kennedy's new defense plans. The Yugoslav TU statement was published in all Yugoslav newspapers on August 9.

The statement claimed that "by asking the (US) Congress to give the President (Kennedy) full emergency powers so that he may immediately mobilize all the means necessary for any eventuality -- the leaders of the AFL/CIO have directly included themselves in the action aimed at creating an atmosphere which is not only in contrast to the desires of the world's peace-loving forces, but also cannot but be in contradiction with the interests of the North American working class."

The AFL/CIO demand that no Communist country should be granted US aid "to overcome its serious economic and political difficulties" is also attacked in the Yugoslav TU statement. In this connection the statement said:

"It is obvious that the AFL/CIO leaders have attempted to speculate on the 'difficulties' in socialist countries. However, the peoples who have embarked on the road of developing socialist society -- in spite of temporary and passing difficulties that may be involved -- know for sure that only under the socialist system can they definitely solve the major problems in their countries and go permanently forward in their economic and social development..."

The leaders of the American Trade Unions are also attacked for having allegedly considered that American aid has been "the best way to exercise political pressure and blackmail sovereign states in their choosing of an internal system, way of life and social relationship."

In this connection the Yugoslav statement proclaimed that "the sovereign and free, proud and courageous nations shall
never allow anybody to use foreign aid as an instrument of pressure and blackmail."

As the present international crisis, the Yugoslav statement said that "one should especially stress the responsibility of certain reactionary circles in the capitalist countries which have made understanding among the various nations and a peaceful solution of conflicting problems more difficult."