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Report of My observations in Tallahassee Fla. April 14 thru and including April 17, 1959

Mr. Beasley and Mr. Johnson were the only legislators in attendance at the legislative Ball . In addition the people of the State who would usually attend such a function were conspicuous by their absence .

Mr. Carlton introduced the controversial central purchasing bill . Labor and management oppose central purchasing for fear that out of state products will be purchased in preference to Florida made products . Ralph Siller the present Executive Director of the Purchasing Commission is fearful that this bill would spell his doom . Chalk up one for our side . He told Me that it looked like Farris Bryant was His only hope . I have not revealed my position to Him yet . But I keep needling Him about You .

I am enclosing a copy of the Legislative report of the Florida State federated Labor Council A F L - C I O Number one .

Your attention is called to the opening paragraph concerning the attitude toward labor .