

AFL-CIO Pamphlets Point Up Need For U.S. Aid To Schools

The crying waste of talent resulting from the inadequacies of the nation's present educational system is amply documented in two pamphlets just printed by the AFL-CIO.

In "Labor Looks at Education," the entire gamut of problems besetting the school districts, the separate states and the nation at large is examined.

Among these are the vast disparity in expenditures for public education from district to district and from state to state; the resultant inequality of opportunity for students; the dropout problem; the snail's pace rate of school integration since the Supreme Court's 1954 decision; the soaring enrollments and the growing shortage of classrooms and qualified teachers.

A conclusion that a comprehensive program of federal aid to education for school construction, teachers' salaries, scholarships, aid to children of migratory workers, and an expansion and improvement in apprenticeship, vocational and other educational programs is urgent, is inevitable.

The second pamphlet, a newly revised edition of "Labor, Champion of Public Education," reviews

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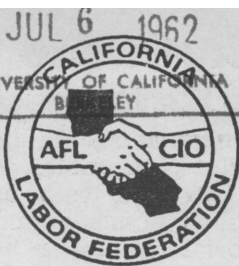
Federation Hails Gov. Brown's Action To Map Master Plan For Economic Growth

Governor Edmund G. Brown's action to expand the scope of California's Office of Planning to study and coordinate a sound, statewide, long range master plan for economic growth has been hailed by Thos. L. Pitts, state AFL-CIO leader, as "a bold, positive stride forward in harnessing this state's economic power to maximal advantage."

Brown, speaking at the recent Governor's Conferences on Planning for California's Growth in Los Angeles and in San Francisco, announced that the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency (HHFA) had just approved a grant of \$376,000 in U.S. funds to prepare the first phase of a comprehensive economic development plan for the state.

Pointing out that the state will provide an additional \$188,000 in staff time and funds, the Governor said:

"We are greatly pleased to mark the grant as a breakthrough in our efforts to give California a sound basis for orderly physical growth."



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Gov. Brown Triumphs in Special Session; State Building Bonds Go Back on Ballot

Governor Edmund G. Brown won a major victory this week when the legislature, convened in a special session, approved his request to resubmit a revised \$270 million state construction bond issue to the voters at the November 6 general election.

Despite the governor's plea for non-partisan support for the bonds,

which, if approved, will finance vitally needed school and hospital facilities in the state during the next two years, the state's GOP assemblymen fought tooth and nail under the aegis of Assemblyman Howard Thelin, Richard Nixon's liaison man in the legislature, to sabotage it.

The measure, which sailed through the senate on a vote of 32 to 2 Tuesday night, the opening day of the special session called by Gov-

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Locked Out Local Asks For Boycott

An appeal to shun the products of the Stitzel-Weller Distillery, which include such bourbon whiskies as "Old Fitzgerald," "Cabin Still," "Old Elk" and "W. L. Weller," has been made to all working people by the Distillery Workers Union Local 36 of Shively, Ky.

Mort Brandenburg, general president of the Distillery, Rectifying, Wine and Allied Workers' International Union of America, has issued a personal appeal

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DEADLINE FOR CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS—AUGUST 6

In accordance with the Federation's constitution, all resolutions submitted by local unions and councils to the August 20-24 convention of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, must reach the office of Secretary-Treasurer Thomas L. Pitts by 5:00 p.m. on Mon., Aug. 6, 1962.

The only exception to this deadline will be resolutions submitted by regularly constituted and affiliated statewide organizations at conferences held between August 5-19, which must be filed with the secretary-treasurer not later than 9:00 p.m. on Sun., Aug. 19, 1962.

Resolutions delivered to the secretary-treasurer subsequently will be reported by him on the first day of the convention as late resolutions, and will not be referred to a committee for consideration unless the convention so orders by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting.

All resolutions must bear the signature of an executive officer or the seal of the affiliated organization.

Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, said he was at one with the Governor's concern lest speculation or hasty, ill-advised land use swallow up the state's most advantageous and competitive industrial sites and thereby curb employment opportunities for workers in the state.

The state AFL-CIO executive officer said he was particularly impressed by the Governor's grasp of the wide ranging nature of the need for a coherent state policy on economic growth.

"In substance," Pitts asserted,

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Master Plan Drafted To Revolutionize Care of States' Mentally Ill and Retarded

A long range master plan to revolutionize California's care and treatment facilities for the mentally ill and the mentally retarded is now in the hands of the state's legislators.

The plan, prepared by Governor Brown's Department of Mental Hygiene with the aid of scores of private citizens and experts in the mental health field, proposes a gradual decentralization of such facilities to cope with a mushrooming need for treatment.

Using 1975 as a reference point to estimate future needs, the plan envisions the day when most of the state's mentally ill patients will be treated by private physicians in state-assisted local facilities instead of in large centrally located hospitals.

By 1975 California's population is expected to have risen to 25 million. Using nationally accepted estimates that one person in ten suffers from some diagnosable form of mental illness, this means that some 2½ million Californians will be in need of direct mental health service.

In the words of Dr. Daniel Blain, state Director of Mental Hygiene, the plan is keyed to the following widely accepted concept of psychiatric care:

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on behalf of 125 "locked out" union members of Local 36 for a product boycott against the firm.

Using the Boulwareist tactic of a take-it-or-leave-it offer coupled with a refusal to continue collective bargaining negotiations, the company responded to a strike vote taken by the union by posting notices to the workers, stating that "the normal work day was increased from eight to ten hours and the normal work week from five to six day," the union said.

The increased work week triggered a spontaneous strike on Sept. 9, 1961 (three days in advance of the strike date fixed) by the employees, who were convinced the employer was guilty of refusing to bargain in good faith.

The employer justifies the lockout of these employees on the technical ground that the employees went on strike without sending copies of the termination of contract notice to the Federal Conciliation and Mediation Service. The employer's position has been upheld by the regional director of the National Labor Relations Board in Louisville, Kentucky.

"Adequate treatment should be available as early as possible, as continuously as possible, with as little dislocation as possible, and with as much social restoration as possible."

To meet these goals, no additional large state mental hospitals would be built; treatment programs in existing state institutions would be improved in the immediate future to offset population gains; a larger proportion of state mental hygiene funds would gradually become available for local programs; and ultimately most of the state's mentally ill and retarded would be treated in their home communities through a variety of private and public facilities.

At present the state's mental health expenditures total about 8.5 per cent of the state's general fund budget. Under the new plan, a higher percentage may be required initially to upgrade present treatment and rehabilitation facilities but once the plan is implemented the cost is expected to drop back to a minimum of about 8.5 per cent again.

But Dr. Blain pointed out that expansion of the present movement toward prepaid medical and health insurance coverage for mental illness is a key factor in the proposal.

If, for example, the Kerr-Mills Act or the King-Anderson Bill were liberalized to include aged, mentally ill patients the state's present outlay for mental illness and mentally retarded patient care could be significantly eased, Dr. Blain said.

The plan will rely to some extent on public and private agencies and institutions such as churches, schools, prisons, welfare agencies and service organizations to provide services to promote mental health.

The present gap in psychiatric services for persons in rural areas will be closed, preferably by services offered by local hospitals and local physicians reinforced by psychiatric consultation.

The expanded local mental health facilities and programs will be financed by federal, state and local funds and by private contributions and grants.

As these facilities are developed progressively fewer state-operated hospital beds will have to be main-

Mother Hubbard's Champion Starts A Newsletter

Old Mother Hubbard won't find her cupboard so bare any more if the Association of California Consumers has anything to say about it.

The association which, for nearly two years has been mobilizing consumers to gain effective representation in the legislature and in Congress, has just published the first issue of a quarterly newsletter designed to help the consumer help himself.

The newsletter's aim is to keep consumers alert to fraudulent selling practices, deceptive packaging, phony labels and other techniques that annually bilk them of millions of dollars in hard earned cash.

It features stories in depth on the progress of state and national legislation designed to protect the consumer's pocketbook and reports on actions taken by the State's Consumer Counsel as well as reviews of books dealing with consumer problems that generally get short shrift treatment in the daily press.

Jackie Walsh, president of the San Francisco Joint Culinary Board, is the consumer association's president; Webb Green, vice president for District 3 of the California Labor Federation and secretary-treasurer of Local 11, IBEW, is vice president; and Albin J. Gruhn, president of the California Labor Federation is serving on the association's executive board.

Inquiries regarding membership and/or subscription to the newsletter should be addressed to the Association of California Consumers, 41 Sutter St., San Francisco 4, Calif.

tained for mentally ill or retarded patients.

And the Department of Mental Hygiene will assume responsibility for general leadership in the program and concentrate on education and research into preventive programs for such afflictions.

The plan has been referred to the Senate Fact Finding Committee on Governmental Administration. About 150 Californians served on 11 task force committees that helped the Department prepare the plan.

The task force committee on legislation is still at work and will present recommendations on proposed legislation next year.

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ernor Brown expressly for this purpose, won the assembly's approval Thursday afternoon on a sharply hewn party line vote of 42 to 32.

Only one GOP assemblyman joined the Democrats in the final vote on the bill on the grounds that he felt the purposes for which the bond funds would be spent are vital to the State of California.

The Governor refrained from asking the legislators to place a \$100 million park bond issue on the November ballot because of what he called "a completely negative attitude" on the part of GOP leaders with whom he conferred Thursday afternoon following passage of the construction bonds.

The \$270 million construction bond issue would be spent as follows: \$102,057,000 for the University of California; \$100,545,000 for state colleges; \$20,000,000 for junior colleges; \$29,353,000 for narcotics control corrections; \$14,018,000 for mental hygiene; and \$4,027,000 for conservation, forestry and fire fighting.

The \$100 million park bond proposal would have replaced Proposition 5, a proposal for \$150 million for parks and recreational facilities

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the role of leadership consistently assumed by the labor movement.

Starting with the organization of the Workingmen's Party in New York in 1829, which adopted as one of its principal planks a demand for a school system "that shall unite under the same roof the children of the poor man and the rich . . . where the road to distinction shall be superior industry, virtue and acquirement without reference to descent," it sketches the historic background of labor's continuing struggle for equality and quality in education.

These two pamphlets complement each other and both should be both useful and of considerable interest not only to union members but to teachers, students and P-TA groups as well.

Copies may be purchased from the Director of Education, AFL-CIO, 815 16th St., N.W., Washington 6, D.C. The cost is 10 cents per copy, or \$7.50 per hundred copies. Make checks payable to William F. Schnitzler, Secretary-Treasurer, AFL-CIO.

which was narrowly defeated by the voters at the June 5 primary election.

Commenting Tuesday on Governor Brown's opening message to the special session, Thos. L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, had declared:

"Any legislator who tries to extort petty partisan advantage from the critical needs of this state's burgeoning population will be doing California a great disservice."

Despite repeated GOP attempts to divide the state construction bond issue, Pitts said he concurred with the Governor's view that it should not be split "because, basically, it would simply be robbing Peter to pay Paul or, as the Governor put it, pitting 'the needs of higher education against the needs of the mentally ill and retarded, forcing a choice between two equally critical programs.'"

"This is not the California way," Pitts asserted. "I believe the voters of this state, labor and management alike, recognize that with the state's population growing by some 600,000 persons a year we cannot afford to mince around with piecemeal programs."

"The Governor's insistence that the language on the ballot spell out the character of the facilities to be financed and that a clause that would have permitted junior colleges to use their funds to pay debt services be deleted, should rally immediate, unequivocal, non-partisan support for the state construction bond issue."

"Especially," Pitts noted, "since the Governor also added a provision to the measure to make it mandatory that 80 percent of the \$270 million be spent for higher education facilities."

In Proposition 3, which was defeated at the June 5 primary, there was only a declaration of intent that 80 percent of the funds would be used for such facilities.

"California's growing attractiveness to new industry, which was amply demonstrated in the course of Governor Brown's recent exchange of statistics with the Governor of New York, and the Defense Department report issued last weekend dealing with California's impressive share of the nation's defense dollar are both news items that stem from the same foundation

Key Notes On Labor

- An immediate temporary tax cut for low and middle-income families as an emergency measure to cut unemployment and avert a slowdown in the economic growth rate has been urged by AFL-CIO President George Meany in a memo to President Kennedy. Meany said the AFL-CIO opposes an across-the-board reduction in individual income taxes and thinks that a corporate tax cut "would also be very unwise."

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- In an effort to speed desegregation, officials of the AFL-CIO urged a House Education and Labor subcommittee to enact a bill to require the school boards of schools that still have not desegregated to adopt a plan to do so within six months and to authorize the U. S. Attorney General to file suit in the name of the United States to compel compliance.

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- In an 8-0 decision the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that neither union officers nor union members can be held personally liable for money damages to a firm resulting from a peaceful work stoppage conducted by their local union. The case involved the Oil Workers (OCAW) and its Local 7-210 and the Sinclair Refining Co. in East Chicago, Ind.

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- The combined assets of 44,530 labor unions in the United States total \$1.5 billion, a sum that amounts to less than 15 per cent of the total assets of one single U. S. corporation, the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey. Twenty U. S. corporations, each with assets at least as great as the unions' total, have assets which when combined total \$65.8 billion. Who's grown too big?

—a state legislative program with the foresight to prepare for the future.

"This construction plan is designed to meet in part both the educational and other basic institutional needs of such program. Its re-submission is, in substance, an appeal to the voters of the state not to shortchange themselves or their children of economic opportunities.

"Understood in this light, I don't think they will," Pitts concluded.

The revised state construction proposal will be titled Proposition A-1 and will appear at the top of the list of other propositions on the November ballot, the Governor said.

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"the Governor emphasized that the impact of the European Common Market on our agriculture, the effect of automation on our labor force and the relationship of a changing transportation technology to our urban patterns are forces of the future that must be understood and planned for today in order to assure a sustained economic prosperity for the state tomorrow."

Noting that it was Governor Brown who created the State Office of Planning early in his Administration, Pitts added:

"The population boom in California shows no sign of abating and as a result, as the Governor pointed out, more than 200,000 jobs need to be found every year for our burgeoning labor force.

"Economic growth of this magnitude cannot be met by haphazard, piece-meal programs that look scarcely beyond the tip of our nose. It must, as Governor Brown proposes, be planned, promoted and nurtured by a bold, imaginative and comprehensive master plan that refuses to compromise with excellence."

In his Los Angeles address the

Californians To Get 10-Day Free Look At Health-Accident Insurance Policies

Governor Edmund G. Brown today reminded Californians that a new law provides for a "10-day free look" at health and accident insurance policies issued after July 1.

A law providing for a 10-day policy examination was passed at the 1961 session of the legislature and becomes effective July 1. Assemblyman Ronald Brooks Cameron (Dem., Pico Rivera) introduced the bill, AB 2380.

"This is another step in our efforts to help California citizens make better decisions in important

Governor said the HHFA funds would be used for intensive studies of six key subjects: Land use and transportation; agricultural land policy; natural resources; forestry; capital outlay; and population and economics.

In addition, supporting policies in such fields as housing, transportation, industrial development and recreation will be developed, he said.

In both addresses he expressed a concern to preserve "some of the most magnificent scenic and recreational lands on this continent" and in San Francisco he pledged that he would wage "a battle for beauty throughout California" in scenic highways, freeway construction and public buildings.

purchases," the governor said. "The law gives insurance buyers an opportunity to evaluate the coverage of their policies and make sure they are getting the protection they paid for."

Under the new law, health and accident insurance policies or contracts issued to individuals not under group plans must carry a notice that the buyer can return the policy within 10 days of its delivery if he is not satisfied for any reason, and that any premiums he paid must be refunded to him in full. The law does not apply to single premium nonrenewable policies.

"The notice must be attached to or printed in the policy itself," the governor said. "Containing the information in a so-called 'welcoming letter' accompanying the policy will not be considered sufficient."

The "10-day free look" law applies only to health and accident policies issued to persons buying coverage individually and not through group plans. It will be in effect on policies issued on or after July 1.

Policies or contracts issued by non-profit hospital service corporations or medical service corporations are affected by the law as well as those issued by insurance companies.

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