

Unions Urged To Order Brown Record Pamphlets

A new blue and gray election pamphlet detailing the respective records of Governor Edmund G. Brown and Richard Nixon is now available for distribution. All AFL-CIO affiliated unions in the state are urged to place their orders for it immediately.

Thos L. Pitts, Chairman of the California Labor Committee for the re-election of Governor Brown which is producing the pamphlet,

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explained that it is available free in whatever quantity necessary to all affiliated unions.

"As you know, California's political future and the welfare of every working man and woman hinges on the outcome of the gubernatorial contest between Governor Brown and Richard Nixon," Pitts said.

"This pamphlet has been developed to drive home the outstanding record of the Brown Administration in contrast with Nixon's sorry record of devotion to the special inter-

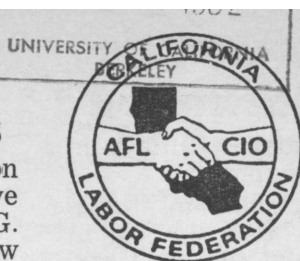
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Labor Backing for Richardson Urged To Repel Right-Wing Assault on Schools

Asserting that the "ultra-right extremists and many of the financial angels behind the 1958 'right to work' movement" are backing Ralph Richardson's opponent, Thos. L. Pitts, State AFL-CIO leader, today urged the state's 1.4 million organized workers to give Richardson's campaign all the support—financial and otherwise—they can.

Race Tightens

The latest tally by the California Poll, a non-partisan, objective survey of opinion, disclosed this week that Ralph Richardson had lost his decided advantage over his opponent in the race for State Superintendent of Public Instruction. In a survey conducted just after the primary election on June 5 Richardson had received 35% of the preference votes while Max Rafferty got only 24% and 41% were undecided. In the poll results released this week Richardson tallied only 28% while Rafferty tallied 27% leaving 45% undecided. The poll results underscore the apprehensions expressed by the California Labor COPE in the accompanying story.



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Pitts Blasts Congressional OK of Tax Revision Bill as Major Step Backward

Congressional approval of the Senate-House Conference Committee's report on the tax revision bill this week was cited as "a major step backward in terms of tax legislation" by Thos. L. Pitts, Secretary-Treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO. Pitts added that he hopes the tax reform proposal to be taken up by Congress next year "will rectify the defects in the tax revision measure if the president fails to veto it."

In a letter dispatched to California's Congressional Delegation earlier this week, Pitts declared that adoption of the bill as it stands "would perpetrate a major fraud on the American people" and he urged them to oppose it vigorously.

"The only thing left in Presi-

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Here's How To File Absentee Ballot Application Form

Union members who expect to be absent from their election precinct on Tuesday, November 6, or unable to go to the polls due to physical disability are urged to apply for absent voter's ballots.

A sample application for an absent voter's ballot form was printed in last week's NEWS LETTER, and is reprinted on page 3.

Use of an application form, however, is not necessary to apply for an absent voter's ballot. All a voter need do is to request such a ballot from his or her County Clerk. He may request it in person or in writing.

To get it the voter need only address a letter to his County Clerk stating:

"I hereby apply for an official ballot of my precinct and district for the election to be held November 6, 1962 because I expect to be absent from my election precinct on the day of the election. The ballot should be mailed to me at. . . ." The voter must then sign his or her name in full. Below the signature the voter's full name and address given at the time of registering to vote MUST be printed or typed.

Application for absentee ballots must be made between October 8 and October 31. The ballots must

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dent's Kennedy original tax revision program is the investment credit bonanza," Pitts explained.

Speaking in behalf of the 1.4 million AFL-CIO members in California, Pitts said:

"The lag in business investment for plant and equipment has nothing to do with lack of investment capital.

"What this really amounts to," he said, "is a revival of the discredited 'trickle down' theory of taxation."

Pitts, the secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, said that "this sop to business is based on a fictional 'profit squeeze' that has been thoroughly scuttled by the phenomenal rise in corporate 'cash-flow' from a \$23.5 billion level in 1947 to a projected \$54 billion in 1962. Even the nation's most conservative publications have recognized this," he asserted.

To substantiate his point, Pitts pointed out that on May 11, 1962, Time Magazine noted that "many economists are paying less heed to profits than to cash-flow."

Cash-flow, Pitts explained, consists of "the monies remaining after a corporation pays all its costs and taxes."

To further back up his point, Pitts noted that the 15th annual McGraw-Hill survey of business plans for new plants and equipment had this to say:

"Business firms as a whole appear to be in a stronger financial position this year than last . . . it would appear that business as a whole may rely almost entirely on its own resources to finance its spending (for all purposes) this year."

"The fact of the matter," Pitts declared, "is that for the years 1959-61, non-financial corporations had \$4.1 billion more on hand than they needed for their investments in new plants and equipment. Official Department of Commerce figures show that in 1961, the retained cash-flow of corporations (excluding banks and insurance companies) was \$1.7 billion greater

than their investment outlays in new plants and equipment."

Organized labor maintains, therefore, Pitts said, "that the lag in business investment for plant and equipment has nothing to do with lack of investment capital."

Although urging defeat of the Conference Report on the tax revision bill, Pitts declared that organized labor in California "wholeheartedly supports a tax measure designed to realistically come to grips with federal revenue needs as well as the economy's requirements."

"We hope this will be done by the new Congress in 1963, recognizing that the basic aim of tax reform legislation should be to close existing loopholes and stimulate lagging consumer purchasing power through long overdue relief to low and middle income groups. . . .

"We again call attention to the critical need for inclusion of Presidential stand-by authority for invoking an effective stimulus to the economy as needed through a temporary tax cut limited to the first individual income bracket," Pitts concluded.

Truth in Packaging Bill Introduced

California's Consumer Counsel, Mrs. Helen Nelson, wired Senator Philip A. Hart of Michigan last week to commend him for introducing a "truth in packaging" bill in the U. S. Senate.

Mrs. Nelson, who was recently appointed to the President's 12-member Consumers' Advisory Council, and who testified at Congressional hearings on packaging and labeling practices earlier this year, said:

"We salute your leadership in introducing your 'truth in packaging' bill into the U. S. Senate. No other consumer problem is so vexatious as the difficulty which unrestrained packaging and labeling practices subject us to as we try to make considered choices when buying our daily needs."

"President Kennedy, in his historic message to Congress on consumer rights, took note of the packaging and labeling abuses revealed by your sub-committee's hearings. He observed that such practices often frustrate the consumer's efforts to get best value for the dollar. . . . We look forward to working with you and discussing your bill in California during the coming months."

Labor Supports Richardson

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California Labor Council on Political Education, declared that:

"Our survival as a free labor movement is dependent upon the functioning of our school system as the bulwark of democracy. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction is the person most influential in the state in effecting state educational policies. The John Birch Society must not be allowed to gain a foothold in this office unless we are willing to accept a new generation of narrowly indoctrinated youths entering the labor market and taking their place at the polls."

Pitts said that organized labor "knows from experience what happens when our schools fail to impartially present labor's contribution to the economy and the facts concerning our political and economic institutions."

"The enormous educational effort required to defeat 'right to work' in 1958 is an obvious and dramatic example. But the performance of our schools is also reflected in the treatment accorded hundreds of vital issues that confront Congress and the legislature each year."

Dr. Richardson won the unanimous endorsement of the delegates to the pre-general election convention of California Labor COPE in San Francisco on September 11.

"Dr. Richardson understands the vital importance of our education system to the survival of our free institutions," Pitts said.

"Along with labor, he also understands the key role our schools must play in the development of employable skills in an automated age," Pitts added.

Referring to an "insidious" drive of the right wing forces to bring labor unions under business anti-trust laws, and force local unions to bargain at the plant level with great national corporations, Pitts declared:

"We can rest assured that the election of a person vulnerable to the radical right's influence would mark a long step on the road from Taft-Hartley and Landrum-Griffin toward the outlawing of labor unions as monopolies under business anti-trust laws."

Pitts' statement was contained in a letter dispatched this week to all unions and councils affiliated with California Labor COPE.

Gershenson Wins Governor's Praise

Maurice I. Gearshenson, Chief of the Division of Labor Statistics and Research of the Department of Industrial Relations has been awarded the honorary rank of Fellow of the American Statistical Association for his "contribution to the methodology and analysis of statistics of employment, workmen's compensation and collective bargaining and for their vigorous application in a major state program."

The award, one of the highest honors in his profession, prompted the following congratulatory statement from Governor Edmund G. Brown:

"Since 1945, Gershenson has excelled as Chief of the Division of Labor Statistics and Research of the State Department of Industrial Relations. His labor statistics on such subjects as employment and earnings, wage rates, minimum wages, budgets, industrial accidents and safety, labor force measurement, and trends in collective bargaining have set standards for the nation. . . . congratulations are due Maurice Gershenson and the Department of Industrial Relations."

A state career service employee since 1939, Gershenson served as Research Coordinator for the governor's conferences on housing and aging held respectively in June and October of 1960 and last year served as one of the coordinators for the governor's conference on automation. He is a past president of the San Francisco Chapter of the American Statistical Association.

Labor Asks Curb On Anti-Semitism In Argentina

In a recent letter to Argentina's Ambassador to the United States, AFL-CIO President George Meany voiced organized labor's grave concern with the widespread campaign of terror and violence against the Jews of Argentina, stating:

"The record of the Hitler and other totalitarian movements in all countries shows that brutal anti-semitic attacks and assaults against minority groups always constitute an initial and integral phase of the campaign by anti-democratic organizations to destroy the rights and liberties of the whole people.

"As free trade unionists, we are deeply distressed by these inhuman outbreaks, whether they occur in our country or abroad.

"We of the AFL-CIO appeal to the free trade unions and the other democratic forces of our great sister republic to take the lead in rallying the Argentinian people for the necessary measures to uproot every vestige of anti-semitism as a manifestation of neo-nazism. Its false dogmas are perniciously alien to the aspirations and interests of the Argentinian people. Its inhuman deeds are a grave danger to the progress of Argentina as a healthy and prosperous democracy, cooperating with the other freedom-loving nations of the new world for the peace, freedom and well-being of all the people of the Americas."

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be placed in the hands of every trade union member in the state.

"Please order the quantity you need for distribution to your membership immediately," Pitts urged.

Like the official general election endorsement pamphlets of the California Labor Council on Political Education, the Brown, Nixon Record pamphlets are designed for use as self-mailers, for stuffing in No. 10 envelopes or for door-to-door distribution.

The response to the first announcement last week of the availability of the COPE General Election endorsement pamphlets was substantial but Pitts urged all affiliated unions who had not yet submitted their orders to do so now. The statewide pamphlet lists all candidates endorsed at COPE's pre-general election convention in San Francisco on September 11 and also contains labor's recommendations on the 25 statewide propositions to appear on the November 6 ballot.

In addition there are 10 variations of the statewide pamphlet that are being printed for pinpoint use in the following areas:

San Francisco Bay Area; Los Angeles County; San Diego County; Orange County; Sacramento Valley Area; San Joaquin Valley Area; Tulare County; First Congressional District; Imperial, Riverside and Central Coastal Area.

The 10 area pamphlets are identical to the statewide pamphlet except that the endorsements for Congress, the State Senate, the assembly and the State Board of Equalization are confined to the area involved.

Absentee Ballot Application Form

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ests that have directed his political life. It is urgent that this pamphlet be returned to and in the hands of the County Clerk by November 3.

Voters who apply in person to the County Clerk for an absentee voter's ballot may, in most counties, submit the application, have it verified, mark the ballot and return it at the same time.

APPLICATION FOR ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOT

I hereby apply for an OFFICIAL BALLOT of my Precinct and District for the November 6, 1962, General Election because:

I expect to be ABSENT from my Election Precinct on the day of above election or unable to vote therein by reason of physical disability.

Ballot to be mailed to me at.....

Sign Name in Full.....

Registered Address of Applicant

NOTE: This application must be received by the Registrar of Voters before 5 p.m. of the seventh day before day of election, and the official ballot must be returned to the Registrar of Voters to reach him not later than the third day BEFORE day of election.

Pitts Praises Choice of Henning as U.S. Under Secretary of Labor

President Kennedy's selection of John F. Henning as Under Secretary of Labor recently won the unqualified praise of Thos. L. Pitts, Secretary-Treasurer of the California Labor Federation, who called it "an excellent choice."

Henning, who served as Research Director of the California Labor Federation prior to his appointment as State Director of Industrial Relations in Governor Brown's Administration, had been in line for the post of Assistant Secretary of Labor. When Arthur Goldberg resigned to become a U. S. Supreme

Court Justice, however, President Kennedy named Willard Wirtz as Secretary of Labor and promoted Henning to the post of under-secretary.

Pitts said Henning had served the California Labor movement ably and with dedication and that he has been "a bulwark in Governor Brown's progressive Administration."

"I am sure the entire California labor movement wishes Jack Henning every success in his important new post," Pitts added.

Dinner-Dance Tribute Set For James H. Blackburn

James H. Blackburn, International Representative of the Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators will be honored for a life time of service to the labor movement at a dinner dance to be held Friday, November 16, 1962, at the Lafayette Hotel in Long Beach.

Blackburn has served as Chairman of the Credentials Committee for the California Labor Federation and its predecessor, the State Federation of Labor, for the past 25 years.

Tickets for the dinner dance, which will cover the dinner, dancing, several cocktails and a small gift for this outstanding trade-unionist, may be obtained from the Painters District Council No. 36, 2200 West 7st Street, Suite 112, Los Angeles 57, California, for \$10.00.

Film Available on Jobless Benefits

A half-hour 16 mm. film outlining California's Employment Security System—including unemployment and disability insurance—is available for showing to unions and their members, according to the State Department of Employment. In the film Governor Edmund G. Brown and top administrative officials explain new amendments to the unemployment insurance code and the broad policies and procedures that govern the Department of Employment.

The film may be obtained by calling any of the 4 area offices of the Department of Employment in the state. These 4 offices are listed under State of California, Department of Employment in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Sacramento and Santa Ana.

A department official indicated that projectors may be made available for those groups interested in showing the film and added that a department representative be on hand to answer questions following the showing.

Deputy Director S. G. "Goodie" Goodman, former official of the International Association of Machinists, urges all unions to see the film.

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(Covers district endorsements for San Diego County) | _____ |
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(Covers district endorsements for Orange County) | _____ |
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(Covers district endorsements for Butte, Glenn, Colusa, Tehama, Placer, El Dorado, Amador, Sacramento, Shasta, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba Counties) | _____ |
| 6. San Joaquin Valley Area Pamphlet
(Covers district endorsements for Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tulare Counties) | _____ |
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