

## Legislative Notes

### Wage Attachments

\*AB 482 (Foran), a Federation-sponsored bill prohibiting wage attachments, barely survived defeat this week in the hands of the Assembly Committee on Finance and Insurance. The lower house unit defeated a "do pass" motion on a nine to eight rollcall vote (Eleven votes needed for clearance in this twenty-member committee consisting of thirteen Democrats and seven Republicans), but kept the measure alive by re-referring it to the Assembly Judiciary Committee where other wage attachment bills authored by Assemblyman John Francis Foran of San Francisco are waiting hearing.

AB 482 ran into trouble before the Finance and Insurance Committee two weeks ago and was modified to meet some of the objections raised by financial interests prior to this Tuesday's hearing. The original bill exempting all wages from both attachment and levy of execution was amended to permit execution after judgment on twenty-five percent of gross earnings, while retaining the prohibition against obtaining a writ of attachment prior to judgment as a heavy handed method of forcing a debtor into an unreasonable settlement.

The nine to eight rollcall vote that fell short of giving AB 482 clearance was as follows:

**Ayes:** Beilenson, Burton, Flournoy, Foran, Hinkley, Rumford, Veysey, Waite, and Waldie—9.

**Noes:** Ashcraft, Bane, Casey, Stevens, Thelin, Veneman, Willson, and Zenovich (vice-ch.)—8.

**Absent or not voting:** Knox, Moreno, and Mills (ch.)—3.

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## 200 Expected At 4-State COPE Area Parley in S.F.

More than 200 delegates are expected to take part in the four-state COPE Area Conference to be held at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco Tuesday and Wednesday, May 28-29, 1963.

The conference, which will be centered on an analysis of the 1962 elections in California, Arizona, Hawaii and Nevada, is attracting delegates from city, county, Congressional District and state leadership

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## Bill To Curb Professional Strikebreakers Defeated In Assembly Committee

AB 1938, a Federation-sponsored bill authored by Assemblyman Nicholas Petris aimed at curbing the employment and recruitment of professional strikebreakers, was killed this week by the Assembly Committee on Industrial Relations. The fatal blow was administered the "gentle" way—by sending it to Interim Committee for "serious study."

Prior to defeat, the Petris bill was amended several times in an effort to overcome opposition, but it failed to win clearance from the lower house labor unit even in a weakened form.

In its basic provisions, AB 1938's ban on professional strikebreakers would have extended to "any per-

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## Preliminary Airing Given Fair Housing Bill In Senate

The Rumford Fair Housing Bill, AB 1240, was given a preliminary hearing this Wednesday in the Senate by the upper house committee on Governmental Efficiency. The key Civil Rights Bill of the 1963 General Session was taken under consideration with the announcement by the Committee's Chairman, Senator Luther Gibson of Solano County, that the measure would be voted on next Wednesday.

Gibson indicated that there would be a week of conferences to develop a bill described by the Senate Committee chairman as "one we can live with."

Opposition to AB 1240 was led by the real estate lobby, asserting once again the priority of "property rights" over "human rights." Assemblyman Rumford, backed by a broad cross-section of labor, religious and civil rights groups in the audience, warned the Senate committee that positive action must be taken to remedy the housing discrimination problem, which is fought with "social dynamite." Rumford's reference was to the rapid transformation of California's core cities into "ghettos" of discrimination, surrounded by mushrooming "lily white" suburban communities.

Since its approval by the Assembly, the Rumford Fair Housing Bill has been amended in an attempt to overcome specious arguments ad-

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## 750 High School Seniors Vie for Fed. Scholarships

More than 750 public and private high school seniors in California are competing in the 13th Annual Scholarship competition sponsored by the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO.

Winners of the eight \$500 collegiate scholarships offered in this year's competition will be selected on the basis of an examination held in participating high schools on Friday, May 17, 1963.

Five of the eight scholarships to be awarded in 1963 are being made available through the cooperation of the following affiliates of the Federation:

The Los Angeles Building and Construction Trades Council; The California Legislative Board of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; The California State Council of Carpenters; The Carpenters' Ladies Auxiliary, California State Council; and the California State Council of Culinary Workers, Bartenders and Hotel and Motel Service Employees.

## COMMITTEE HEARINGS

### ASSEMBLY

#### Tuesday, May 28

**Finance and Insurance, Room 4202, 3:45 p.m.**

**AB 2861 (Unruh)** Credit sales. **Good**

**AB 2862 (Unruh)** Retail installment sales. **Good**

**AB 2863 (Unruh)** Retail installment sales. **Good**

**AB 2864 (Unruh)** Retail installment sales. **Good**

**AB 2865 (Unruh)** Retail installment sales. **Good**

**AB 2866 (Unruh)** Retail installment sales. **Good**

**\*AB 2644 (Song)** Prepaid health service. **Good**

**AB 2624 (Alquist)** Advertising. **Good**

**AB 2625 (Alquist)** Advertising. **Good**

**AB 2605 (Dymally)** Placement of teachers. **Good**

**AB 2651 (Song)** Social security: state employees. **Good**

**Fish and Game, Room 2170, 1:30 p.m.**

**AB 2738 (Badham)** Reduction of anchovies. **Bad**

**Judiciary, Room 4202, 1:30-3:30 p.m.**

**AB 2332 (Foran)** Attachment. **Good**

**AB 2278 (Foran)** Exemptions from attachments and execution. **Good**

**Natural Resources, Planning and Public Works, Room 2133, 3 p.m.**

**AB 2800 (Z'berg)** Advertising: waterways and watercraft. **Watch**

**AB 2976 (Z'berg)** Housing and community development. **Good**

**Rules, Room 3188, 9:30 a.m.**

**AB 2927 (Dymally)** Intergroup relations. **Good**

**AB 1892 (Burton)** Unemployment and disability insurance. **Watch**

#### Wednesday, May 29

**Governmental Efficiency and Economy, Room 2170, 1:30 p.m.**

**AB 2630 (Beilenson)** Construction permits. **Good**

**AB 2916 (Crown)** Cleaning, dyeing and pressing. **Good**

**AB 2597 (Dymally)** Suspension of licenses. **Good**

**AB 2666 (Dymally)** Coin-operated establishments. **Watch**

**AB 2077 (Willson)** Fair Employment Practice Commission. **Watch**

**SB 406 (Bradley)** Fair employment practice hearings. **Watch**

**SB 866 (Bradley)** Fair employment practices. **Watch**

**AB 2890 (Cusanovich)** Dry cleaning. **Bad**

**Industrial Relations, Room 5168, 3:45 p.m.**

**AB 604 (Dymally)** Relating to public works: apprentices. **Watch**

**AB 1976 (Burton)** Relating to farm workers: minimum wages. **Watch**

**\*AB 2373 (Dymally)** Teachers collective bargaining. **Good**

**AB 2633 (Soto)** Relating to farm labor contractors. **Good**

**AB 2634 (Soto)** Relating to farm labor contractors. **Good**

**AB 2635 (Soto)** Relating to farm labor contractors. **Good**

**AB 2730 (Dymally)** Relating to safety in employment: pouring concrete. **Watch**

**AB 2783 (Gaffney)** Relating to safety in employment. **Good**

**AB 2896 (Foran)** Relating to tanks and boilers: safety. **Good**

**AB 2928 (Soto)** Relating to farm labor contractors. **Good**

**Livestock and dairies, Room 2117, 3:45 p.m.**

**AB 2944 (Waldie)** Sale of meat. **Good**

#### Thursday, May 30

**Education, Room 4202, 3:45 p.m.**

**AB 2606 (Dymally)** Written notice of re-employment. **Good**

**AB 2607 (Dymally)** Election of certificated employees. **Good**

**AB 2661 (Dymally)** Discrimination in school employment. **Good**

**AB 2663 (Dymally)** Labor organization activities of teachers. **Good**

**AB 2664 (Dymally)** Basis of certificated employees' salary. **Good**

**AB 3082 (Mills)** Noncompliance with requisitioning requirements. **Good**

**Government Organization, Room 2133, 1:30 p.m.**

**AB 139 (Rumford)** Youth Conservation Corps. **Watch**

**AB 2972 (Veneman)** Alcoholic beverages: telephone sales. **Watch**

**AB 1792 (Dymally)** Administration of public assistance. **Good**

**AB 2869 (Dymally)** Human Rights Commission. **Good**

**AB 2954 (Thelin)** Alcoholic beverages. **Watch**

#### Monday, June 3

**Education, Room 4202, 3:45 p.m.**

**AB 3088 (Meyers)** Tenure rights for classified school employees. **Good**

**SB 1053 (Sedgwick)** Conservation and training programs. **Bad**

**Judiciary, Room 2170, 3 p.m.**

**AB 2808 (Ferrell)** Attachment. **Good**

**Public Health, Room 5168, 1:30 p.m.**

**AB 2986 (Knox)** Radioactive material monitoring. **Good**

#### Tuesday, June 4

**Public Utilities and Corporations, Room 2117, 1:30 p.m.**

**AB 2537 (Williamson)** Household goods carriers. **Good**

**Transportation and Commerce, Room 5168, 3:45 p.m.**

**\*AB 2638 (Meyers)** Creates State Board of Vehicle Repair, etc. **Good**

**AB 2348 (Kennick)** Automobile repair dealers. **Good**

## SENATE

#### Tuesday, May 28

**Insurance and Financial Institutions, Room 4040, 1:30 p.m.**

**SB 1250 (Holmdahl)** Truth-in-lending. **Good**

**SB 1308 (Petersen)** Workmen's compensation: attachment and execution. **Watch**

**SB 1318 (Farr)** Unemployment insurance: appeals referees. **Bad**

**SB 1324 (Pittman)** Corporate loans to employees. **Watch**

**SB 1346 (Regan)** Workmen's compensation. **Watch**

**SB 1427 (Dolwig)** Unemployment insurance funds. **Watch**

**SB 1432 (Collier)** Deficiency judgments. **Watch**

**SB 1472 (Sturgeon)** Disability insurance. **Watch**

**SB 1512 (Dolwig)** Unemployment insurance tax assessment. **Bad**

**SB 1551 (Dolwig)** Group life insurance. **Watch**

**AB 110 (Belotti)** Apprenticeship, and making an appropriation therefor. **Good**

**SB 1139 (Rees)** Unemployment insurance. **Bad**

**SB 1140 (Rees)** Unemployment insurance. **Bad**

**SB 691 (McCarthy)** Workmen's compensation: exclusive remedy. **Bad**

**SB 1008 (Farr)** Workmen's compensation: injury. **Watch**

**\*SB 1201 (Miller)** Unemployment insurance. **Good**

**Transportation, Room 4203, 9:30 a.m.**

**SB 1123 (Farr)** Highway advertising. **Watch**

## Demand End to Public Law 78 Now, Pitts Pleads

An urgent appeal for an avalanche of wires and letters demanding termination of Public Law 78 this year was issued this week by the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, when developments in Washington indicated that the number of Congressmen morally opposed to extending the bracero program because of its adverse effect on the wages and working conditions of domestic farm workers is growing rapidly but is still not quite enough to bar the proposed extension of the law.

In a letter sent to all affiliated unions and councils, State AFL-CIO leader Thos. L. Pitts stated:

"Despite the grim news that California's unemployment rate is now .5 percent above that of the nation, we face the prospect of many California Congressmen of both parties voting within the next week for a two-year renewal of the bracero program. This shocking display of irresponsibility toward our unemployed, who numbered 409,000 in April, must not go unchallenged by organized labor at the grass roots level."

Noting that those supporting extension of Public Law 78 rely principally on the argument that none of California's 409,000 unemployed are available for this work, Pitts pointed out:

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#### Wednesday, May 29

**Education, Room 5007, 9:30 a.m.**

**AB 1850 (Casey)** Elementary school courses. **Bad**

**SB 1429 (Grunsky)** Education. **Bad**

**SB 1504 (Farr)** Administrative procedures. **Bad**

**SB 1600 (Rodda)** School district employees. **Watch**

**SB 1332 (Stiern)** Prevocational education programs. **Watch**

**SB 1618 (Miller)** School personnel. **Good**

**Governmental Efficiency, Room 4203, 9 a.m.**

**SB 1380 (Rees)** Preference in public purchase. **Bad**

**SB 1598 (McAteer)** Regulation of natural gas producers. **Watch**

**SB 153 (Cameron)** Park and recreation bonds. **Good**

**SB 170 (Rodda)** Commission on Intergroup Relations. **Good**

**SB 1563 (Geddes)** Housing for elderly persons. **Good**

**AB 1239 (Dymally)** Changes name of State Fair Employment Practice Commission. **Good**

**AB 1240 (Rumford)** Fair Housing Bill. **Good**

#### Monday, June 3

**Business and Professions, Room 4040, 9:30 a.m.**

**AB 2127 (Meyers)** Specialty contractors. **Watch**

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### Correction

*News Letter* last week contained a typographical error in reporting the Assembly Industrial Relations Committee rollcall that gave a "do pass" recommendation to AB 983 (Bane) which would reinstitute the so-called Defense Production Act and undermine the women's eight-hour law. The rollcall was six to four; not six to five. *News Letter* failed to include Assemblyman Walter W. Powers (D, Sacramento) among the six committeemen who voted for the Bane bill.

The Bane measure, which is vigorously opposed by the State AFL-CIO, has been referred to the Assembly Ways and Means Committee because of an "implied appropriation."

### SB 1158 Defeated

Another attempt to undermine the women's eight-hour law was defeated this week in the Senate by the upper house Labor Committee. The measure was SB 1158 (Schrade) which would have amended the women's eight-hour law across-the-board to permit overtime work up to ten hours a day and 54 hours a week.

### Social Welfare Package

The social welfare liberalization package reported in last week's issue of *News Letter* has been signed into law by Governor Brown. Amendments to AB 59 (Burton) containing the package were approved by the Assembly this Monday on a 56 to 19 rollcall vote. Governor Brown immediately signed the bill into law.

### Federation Bills

There are four weeks left in the 1963 Session of the California Legislature. Although action on basic social insurance programs is still pending, there is some progress to report.

\*AB 661 (Petris) is on its way to the Governor for signature. This measure prohibits the enactment of income and payroll taxes by cities and counties. As approved by both houses, it carries a two-year limitation to accommodate the Governor's recommendation for creation of an overall State Commission to study state and local tax structures.

\*AB 609 (Z'berg), curbing the practice of working state employees

## JOB-CREATING TAX CUT URGED

### Birmingham Riots Stress Need for Equal Opportunities Law: Exec. Council

A job-creating tax cut concentrated in the lower and middle income brackets accompanied by a boost in federal expenditures to spur the nation's economy and enactment of a federal equal opportunities law were among the principal domestic aims discussed at the AFL-CIO's three-day Spring meeting in St. Louis last week.

The council took particular note of the disproportionate impact of unemployment on Negro workers and called on all affiliates "to bend every effort" to alleviate the situation. Asserting that this task bears one of the highest priority labels of the Federation's program, the Council said the "hideous events" in Birmingham underscore the need "to make equal employment opportunities the law of the land" if future Birmingham's are to be prevented.

AFL-CIO President George Meany repudiated the contention by some that collective bargaining is "on trial" or facing a "crisis" in the nation. Just because a few strikes receive national attention, doesn't mean collective bargaining isn't working, he said. The possibility of strikes is inherent in the bargaining process and the lack of

out of classification, has been approved by the Assembly and is now on the Senate side.

\*AB 2107 (Meyers) has been cleared by the Assembly Committee on Civil Service and State Personnel and sent to Ways and Means where it joins other bills having a similar purpose. The measure would require that all craftsmen employed by the State be paid prevailing rates, including fringe benefits. Hope for passage, however, is clouded by a \$6,000,000 cost to the State.

The Governor has signed \*AB 319 (Davis), strengthening wage security provisions in logging and sawmill operations, and \*AB 418 (Knox) repealing the authority of the Department of Agriculture to allow numerical deficiency tolerances (short weights) in packaged grocery items.

\*AB 481 (Foran), prohibiting deficiency judgments on repossessed goods, has passed the Assembly and is before the Senate Judiciary Committee. It will be heard on Monday, May 27.

\*AB 419 (Knox) regulating placement functions and advertising of private trade schools, has won policy approval from the Assembly Governmental Efficiency and Econo-

agreement rather than the contract agreement catches the national eye, he added.

Warning that the nation's jobless rate of 5.7 percent is unlikely to show much improvement by the end of the year, the Council said that organized labor will oppose any tax reduction policy "that fails to focus on creating jobs and reducing unemployment."

In this regard it indicated its opposition to a proposal by leading business spokesmen for a 10 percent cut in corporate taxes. Such proposals, the Council declared, "will not and cannot meet the test of reducing joblessness." There is no evidence of a general shortage of funds for investment, the supposed need to be met by a corporate tax cut, the Council pointed out.

The Council reiterated its recommendation for a \$10 billion slash in taxes retroactive to January 1, 1963 and asserted that because such tax savings are spent and spread through the economy "they will add some \$20 to \$30 billion to total national production."

In emphasizing the need for increased—rather than decreased—federal spending to create jobs, the Council noted that "America's unmet civilian needs are gigantic and growing." Among such needs are: 750,000 new classrooms in the next 10 years as well as increased college facilities; one million more hospital beds; 35 million dwelling units by 1975 or 2.3 million units per year; mass transit, urban renewal, water and sewage systems, libraries, outdoor recreation and many other facilities.

The Council also took note of three proposed constitutional amendments already introduced in a number of state legislatures and warned:

"The extreme, even crackpot, character  
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my Committee and is waiting clearance from the lower house Ways and Means Committee.

### Signed Into Law

Governor Brown has signed SB 718 into law. This is a somewhat minor but meaningful bill authored by Assemblyman John C. Williamson of Bakersfield. It requires a farm labor contractor to have available for inspection by his employees and by the grower with whom he has contracted a written statement showing the rate of compensation he receives from such grower and rate of compensation he is paying to his employees for services rendered to, for, or under the control of such grower.

## Another Phony Labor Paper Comes To Light

Existence of another phony labor paper was called to the attention of union members throughout the state recently by Thos. L. Pitts, Secretary-Treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, in a letter addressed to all Central Labor Councils.

The legitimacy of the publication, called the "State Labor News" was questioned by an employee of a firm that has been buying ads in it for at least several years because he had never seen a copy of the paper or proofs of the ads for which his firm was billed.

The firm's employee said that an ad salesman had represented the paper to be an AFL-CIO publication.

In his letter, Pitts reported:

"The letterhead on the ad contract reads: 'State Labor News, established 1945, Los Angeles Office, 955 S. Western Avenue, Los Angeles 5, Phone—RE. 3-7602; Bay Area office 425 Bush Street, San Francisco 8, California, Phone — YU 2-6144.

"No such publication is listed at either of these addresses in the Los Angeles or San Francisco phone directories.

"The ad contract carries what initially appears to be an illegible union label at the bottom left of the form. Close inspection, however, reveals this to be a phony replica of the Allied Printing Trades Council 'bug'. The figure '72', which normally designates the printer's shop number, is printed to the right of the bogus 'bug'.

The state AFL-CIO leader pointed out that "the operators of these phony publications may be preying on employers who have contracts with local unions in your area." Therefore, he said:

"I urge you to notify all local unions of the misrepresentation apparently being practiced by the 'State Labor News' and to ask them in turn to inform their employers."

Pitts also suggested that Central Labor Council officers notify their Better Business Bureaus, community newspapers and police departments of "the dubious character of the 'State Labor News'."

Since the operation of such phony labor paper feeds on the goodwill employers bear toward bonafide

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of these proposals has lulled opponents into a false sense of security, and in some instances the legislative approval was managed very, very quietly.

The three amendments which were reported in the Newsletter of Feb. 15, 1963, would:

- 1—Permit amendment of the U.S. Constitution by a vote of the legislatures of three-fourth of the states, without approval of Congress or by a national convention. In view of the inequitable apportionment of a number of legislatures, this scheme could lead to the amendment of the constitution by legislatures whose votes represent as little as 15 percent of the population.
- 2—Deny federal courts the power to entertain suits challenging the apportionment of state legislatures. The "flagrant outrages" of inadequate apportionment in the past is what has led to the intervention by federal courts and "that intervention has been welcomed by every national leader of stature," the Council pointed out.
- 3—Create a so-called "court of the union" comprised of the 50 chief justices of the State Supreme courts which would have authority to overrule the Supreme Court in cases involving federal-state relationships. Referring to "this aberration" as better called a "court of disunion," the executive council warned that its supporters are not merely critical of rulings invalidating state laws but also seek a way of repudiating decisions upholding the power of Congress to legislate on old age pensions, unemployment insurance, labor relations, and wages and hours among other things.

All of these proposals have been defeated in the California legislature.

The Council also warned of an attack on trade unions now endorsed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce which calls for the abolition of exclusive representation rights for unions. This would mean that employees not represented by a union would have no protection at all. The council's statement declared that:

"Exclusive representation was assailed in 1947 when the 80th Congress . . . hammered through the Taft-Hartley Act. Yet even the late Senator Taft realized that the alternative is anarchy . . .

"For the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to adopt . . . a policy that is the antithesis of mature collective bargaining is a sad commentary on the extent of the Chamber's surrender to the 'know-nothings' on the industrial and political scene."

labor unions, Pitts declared that it was "morally incumbent upon us to do our utmost to see that such employers are not bilked by such 'boiler room' operators."

Anyone encountering copies of the "State Labor News" or other information about it was asked to pass such information along to the California Labor Federation at 995 Market Street, San Francisco.

Earlier this year another phony

## U.C. Institute Sets Parley on Labor Relations May 28

"The Public Interest in Labor Relations" is the title of the annual Industrial Relations Conference to be held by the University of California's Institute of Industrial Relations at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco on Tuesday, May 28, 1963.

In a brochure announcing the conference, Dr. Arthur M. Ross, the Institute's director, pointed out that "basic questions concerning our Industrial Relations system are being posed more insistently today than for many, many years. These questions are brought to a head by the accelerating impact of technology, by persistent tension concerning job security and economic efficiency, by the persistence of excessive unemployment, by apprehension over the dangers of inflation, by concern over emergency disputes, particularly in transportation industries.

"Under these circumstances it is essential to clarify the responsibilities of employers, unions and government in the handling of industrial relations problems."

This, he indicated, will be one of the principal aims of the conference. Participants will also discuss the government's role in labor relations and the adequacy of collective bargaining as it exists today.

Among the principal speakers for the day-long program are:

David L. Cole, a member of the President's Advisory Committee on Labor-Management Policy; Jack T. Conway, executive assistant to the President of the Industrial Union Department, AFL-CIO; Paul Hall, president of the Seafarers' International Union; and Harry Pollard, a San Francisco labor economist.

Registration for the conference will get underway at 9:00 a.m. in the Gold Room of the Fairmont. The conference will start at 9:30 a.m. and extend through a dinner scheduled at 6:30 p.m. The conference registration fee, including the cost of luncheon and dinner is \$15 per person.

Further information may be obtained from Miss Nancy Fujita, Institute of Industrial Relations, University of California, Berkeley.

labor paper called the "California Union Labor Journal" was exposed for similar misrepresentation. (See Newsletter, Jan. 11, 1963).



## Profiteers Dress Price-Fixing Bill In New Disguise

What's quality stabilization mean to you?

Nothing?

Your wrong!

Actually, standing alone, it sounds like something desirable, doesn't it?

Well it's not. It's another huckster phrase containing the same old "reverse English" that's hidden in the so-called "fair trade laws" and "right-to-work" propaganda. In short it doesn't mean what it says.

The "quality stabilization" bill is really a "fair trade" measure in disguise. Nearly half the states of the union have declared fair trade laws unconstitutional largely because they have proved to be tantamount to "price-fixing."

The measure would enable manufacturers to revoke the right of a retailer to sell their brand-name products if the retailer cut the prices. It would, therefore, minimize competition between retailers and require them to sell the manufacturer's product at whatever price the manufacturer thinks the market can bear.

At present a number of manufacturers and retailers, particularly in the drug industry, are hard at work lobbying for the bill's passage. Several congressmen have reported that they have received a lot of mail favoring the bill but virtually none opposing it.

The "California Retail Druggist" is reported to have published a model letter urging support for the bill which druggists could use to send to local newspapers.

Senator Estes Kefauver has warned consumers that the new measure could be enacted before the public knew what it was all about.

Moreover the special interests lobbying for the bill have not put all of their eggs in one basket. One "quality stabilization" bill, H. R. 3669, was introduced by Rep. Oren Harris (D.Ark.) who has been trying to promote such legislation for years. But 20 other virtually identical price-fixing bills have been introduced by other congressmen.

Moreover a number of congressmen who are generally considered liberals, such as Hubert Humphrey (D.Minn.), Mike Monroney (D.Okla.), and William Proxmire (D.Wis.) are reportedly in favor of such legislation. The effect that the pas-

## Pilot Organizing Drive Is Scoring; New One Planned

The results of the AFL-CIO pilot organizing drive in the Los Angeles-Orange County area have been so encouraging that a similar drive is now being planned in the Washington, D.C.-Baltimore area, George Meany, AFL-CIO president, announced last week.

France Daniel, director of the drive, reported that the campaign to date is "a solid and accelerating effort."

Some 6,600 new members have signed up since it was launched last January and participating unions have won 40 NLRB elections and recognition as bargaining agents without the formality of elections at 46 other business establishments.

"We are pleased with the response of rank and file union members to the drive," Daniels said. They have given us names and addresses of unorganized workers, they have volunteered their services in many ways. This has become a truly united effort on the part of the Los Angeles-Orange Counties labor movement."

sage of such legislation can have on consumer's pocketbooks was studied in a shopping survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice. The survey found that the prices on household equipment and other similar goods could be hiked as much as 27½ percent.

If consumers wake up to the fact that this bit of price-gouging legislation is aimed at their own money, the legislation may be defeated. If they don't, they're liable to pay pretty dearly for their inaction.

California's representatives on the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee are John E. Moss (D), Lionel Van Deerlin (D), and J. Arthur Younger (R).

The state's representatives on the Rules Committee which also exercises control over the measure are B. F. Sisk (D) and H. Allen Smith (R). Letters expressing opposition to H.R. 3669 or price fixing legislation of any sort should be addressed to each of the members of the California congressional delegation on the Committees involved as well as to Committee Chairman Harley Staggers.

## Issues Pamphlets Now Available at National Office

A new series of fact sheets on legislative issues confronting the 88th Congress is now being printed in the AFL-CIO News.

To date, two such fact sheets, one on tax policy and the other on fiscal (spending) policy have been issued. Reprints of these fact sheets are available from the AFL-CIO Department of Legislation at 815 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

In addition, a number of other booklets and pamphlets on critical current issues are available from the AFL-CIO Department of Publications for distribution to local unions and local union members. Among these are:

**Fair Taxes for Good Schools** (Publication No. 123)—A brief but penetrating review and analysis of the sources of funds to support the nation's schools that documents the case for federal aid.

**Medical Care Dollars for Better Health** (Publication No. 118)—A six page, letter-sized pamphlet that explores various ways of getting the most health care out of union health plan dollars.

**The Aging and the Community** (Publication No. 128)—A 23 page, letter-sized pamphlet that delves into the problems of retirement, responsibility for the aged, community services available and the potentialities the retirement years present.

**Shorter Hours, Tool to Combat Unemployment** (Publication No. 129)—Based on a series of articles in the AFL-CIO American Federation, this 56 page booklet documents organized labor's case for shorter hours as a positive program to reduce the nation's mounting unemployment.

Single copies of any of the above publications are available free from the AFL-CIO Department of Publications, 815 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington 6, D.C. Additional copies of the "Shorter Hours" booklet cost .35c each or \$30 per hundred.

Any of the pamphlets may be ordered in quantity by number for distribution to local union membership.

## Truth-in-Packaging Bill Testimony Backs Measure

Hearings on a "truth-in-packaging" bill introduced by Senator Phillip A. Hart (D-Mich.) and cosponsored by Senator Clair Engle (D-Cal.) have been completed by a Senate Judiciary subcommittee.

The testimony brought forth "irrefutable" evidence that the packaging and labeling revolution of the past decade has resulted in competitive practices that are bad for the economy, bad for the businessman and bad for the consumer," Senator Hart commented.

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son who customarily and repeatedly offers himself for employment in place of an employee involved in a strike, walkout, or lockout." Under penalty of a misdemeanor, the measure made the acceptance of such employment by a professional strikebreaker unlawful as well as the act of recruitment or employment by an employer or a third party.

One of the final amendments adopted required that the professional strikebreaker be "knowingly" employed or recruited. Another amendment confined the prohibition to a "strike, walkout, or lockout," thus removing the bar against employment or recruitment of professional strike breakers in other labor disputes.

The measure, nevertheless, ran into heavy opposition from the community of employer lobbyists in Sacramento, led by the Associated Farmers and the newspaper publishers. The Federation and other labor spokesmen argued that the employment of professional strike breakers is a spreading menace and that California should follow the lead of other states in declaring as a matter of state policy that the use of professional strikebreakers is undesirable and disruptive of constructive labor-management relationships.

Defeat of the Petris bill this week in Assembly Committee followed an unsuccessful effort to send the measure to the floor with a "do pass" recommendation on motion by Assemblyman John Francis Foran, seconded by Assemblyman Edward M. Gaffney (both Democrats from San Francisco).

The motion to kill the bill by sending it to Interim Committee was made by Assemblyman Lou Cusanovich (R, Van Nuys) and seconded by Assemblyman Walter

W. Powers (D, North Sacramento). It was advanced as a substitute for the Foran motion and carried by voice vote with few audible Noes.

The Assembly Industrial Relations Committee has ten members—six Democrats and four Republicans. Favorable action on a bill requires six votes.

## Demand End to Public Law 78 Now, Pitts Pleads

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"They conveniently ignore the effect upon 'availability' when California growers are able to impose \$1.00 an hour wage . . . through the use of 80,000 braceros at peak season alone—even though the law theoretically forbids such adverse effects upon domestic workers."

The "labor shortage" in agriculture, Pitts asserted, "is of the same species as would prevail in any other industry if such conditions resulted from the wholesale presence of defenseless foreign workers."

"This farce has already continued much too long. National AFL-CIO informs us that the prospect of ending this program this year is very good if the California delegation to the House can be firmed up. We therefore urge you to immediately dispatch a wire or air mail letter to your Congressman demanding a vote against HR 5497," Pitts concluded.

The miserable wages paid domestic farm workers are virtually all they get. Domestic workers are not covered by unemployment insurance and a host of other fringe benefits enjoyed by most 20th century workers in other industries. Conversely the braceros, thanks to the intervention of the Mexican government, are guaranteed workmen's compensation, housing, transportation and subsistence for days on which they are not employed.

## 200 Expected At 4-State COPE Area Parley in S.F.

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levels of the four states involved. It will also include planning sessions for the 1964 campaign when the presidency, 34 Senate seats and all 435 seats in the House of Representatives will be contested.

Al Barkan, acting director of national COPE has pointed out:

"If truly effective political action is to be achieved next year, the time to start building for it is now.

"Many key contests take place early in 1964 in primaries in southern states. In these, we hope liberal candidates can be encouraged to run against reactionary incumbents of both parties. But liberals will enter contests only if they can be assured of the support needed to give them a good chance to dislodge firmly entrenched incumbents.

"That support must come from organized labor," Barkan asserted.

Registration for the Area Conference will begin at 8 A.M., May 28.

## Preliminary Airing Given Fair Housing Bill In Senate

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vanced by opponents. In its present form the only exemption from the discrimination ban would be a dwelling containing not more than four units which is occupied in whole and in part by the owner. This exemption, however, would apply only to rentals by the owner himself. All sales and rentals by a real estate agency would be covered.

It is anticipated that the Senate Governmental Efficiency Committee will not give AB 1240 clearance without weakening amendments. Just how far the committee will go in this direction remains unknown.

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