

Senate Unit Seeks Data on Problems Of Aged in State

Three subcommittees of the United States Special Senate Committee on Aging will hold hearings in California this month to gather testimony on employment and housing problems and health fraud schemes confronting the state's senior citizens.

The Subcommittee on Retirement Income has scheduled hearings in Los Angeles on January 10 and San Francisco on January 13 to gather information on efforts to provide full and part time employment for older people, the use of older people in such employment as homemaker services, and the effects of certain public assistance policies on employment of OAS recipients.

Testimony on various aspects of current federal programs to provide housing for the elderly will be taken at hearings to be held by the Subcommittee on Housing in Los Angeles on January 9 and in San Francisco on January 11.

On January 13, the Subcommittee on Frauds of the Elderly will hold a hearing in San Francisco to gather material on medical quackery and health frauds affecting older people. The subcommittee is particularly interested to learn the extent of such schemes in California.

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Congress Passes \$3 Billion Foreign Aid Measure and Adjourns Till January 7

Congress adjourned its longest session in peace time history this week after a \$3 billion foreign aid bill that grants the President discretionary authority to use the export-import bank to guarantee private loans for wheat sales to Communist nations was approved by both houses and sent to the White House. The foreign aid bill was \$1.5 billion less than the \$4.5 billion requested by the late President Kennedy last January.

Brown Names 3 To FEPC Posts

California's Fair Employment Practice Commission was brought up to its full strength of seven members by Governor Edmund G. Brown last week when he reappointed Commissioner John Anson Ford and appointed two new members, Louis Garcia, a San Francisco attorney, and Clive Graham, a Long Beach realtor, to fill out the board.

In announcing the appointments, the Governor said:

"Mr. Graham's appointment is an

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On The Air Every Week

COPE Survey Finds 6,000 Extremist Programs Beamed Into U.S. Homes

Although temporarily subdued by the assassination of President Kennedy, the extent of the rightwing assault on the ears of Americans is even greater than previously believed—and still growing, a survey just completed by the AFL-CIO's National Committee on Political Education has disclosed.

More than 6,000 rightist radio and TV programs, cloaked generally in the guise of either religious or news commentary formats, are presently beamed into homes in more than 500 key communities throughout the nation EVERY WEEK, the survey indicated.

Some of these programs, which often consist of thinly veiled attacks on the federal government, the Supreme Court, the United Nations, the civil rights movement, labor unions and the graduated income tax, run for 15 minutes or

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Do You Rate a Refund on Your DI Deductions?

Workers who were employed by two or more employers during 1963 may be entitled to claim a refund on their 1963 disability insurance payments if more than \$46 was deducted from their wages for such payments in California during the year.

Claims for such refunds must be filed during the period January 1 through June 30, 1964. Application forms (DE 1964) may be obtained either from the central office of the Department of Employment, 800 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, California, 95814, or from any local office of the Department of Employment.

Information on deductions, wages and other information needed to

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Write Your Congressman On Davis-Bacon Amendment

The House Rules Committee has turned loose a long-delayed measure—a fringe benefits amendment to the Davis-Bacon Act.

This bill, H.R. 6041 (Roosevelt), would include the cash value of fringe benefits in government determinations of area "prevailing wages" which must be paid on construction financed with federal funds.

Floor action by the House of Representatives is expected shortly after Congress reconvenes on January 7. Write your Congressman, urging his support of H.R. 6041.

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half an hour five days a week in many communities.

Most frequently heard are Carl McIntire's 20th Century Reformation Hour which is carried by some 530 stations; Lifelines, underwritten by Texas oil billionaire H. L. Hunt, on 324 stations; Manion Forum, 313 stations; Billy James Hargis, 200 stations; Howard Kershner, 148 stations; and Dan Smoot, 133 stations.

An example of the growth and extension of these extremist programs is provided by Hunt's Lifeline series. In February 1962 a survey found it was carried by 304 stations. The new survey now finds it being carried by 20 more stations.

In California alone, such programs are carried by at least 17 TV stations and 19 radio stations in 18 of the state's principal cities. Some of these California stations broadcast more than a dozen such programs a week. (See Oct. 4, 1963 Newsletter)

Thos. L. Pitts, State AFL-CIO leader warned union members and the public at large to be wary of the "candy-coated" arguments put forth by these programs.

"Generally," he said, "these programs attempt to vastly oversimplify complex social and economic problems and to make the federal government, the United Nations, labor unions or the Supreme Court their whipping boys."

"In view of the plutocratic backing some of these programs have even if listeners give them the benefit of the doubt as to their sincerity, most thoughtful listeners would agree that these programs tend to subvert some of our nation's most cherished institutions."

As examples of some of the more outlandish—if not outrageous and inflammatory—judgments pronounced by some of these programs, the COPE report cited the following:

ON THE SUPREME COURT

"... There are ample grounds for impeachment, not only of (Chief Justice Earl) Warren, but of all nine Supreme Court Justices."—**Dan Smoot.**

ON INCOME TAXES

"That amendment (the 16th

amendment to the Constitution providing for a graduated income tax) is the very prescription given by Karl Marx in his Communist Manifesto for income taxation to destroy private property and establish socialism throughout the world... it cannot be enforced. The communists want it. Our political liberty is endangered by it."—**Manion Forum**

ON THE UNITED NATIONS

"The... United Nations has through the years been used as a forum to advance communism..."—**Lifelines.**

ON CIVIL RIGHTS

"... since the end of the Civil War, the Negro has been treated on the basis of individual merit... the arrogance of contemporary Negro leaders, the widespread violence against whites... are creating a general resentment of whites against Negroes... the Negro in America will soon realize that liberal politicians and advocates have led him into disaster. The whole nation will suffer." — **Dan Smoot.**

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assurance to the real estate business that the Fair Housing Act will be administered in the same objective, fair way we have handled all fair employment problems on the Commission.

"It is also an assurance to the people of California that not all realtors agree with the California Real Estate Association that we should have legalized bigotry in this state."

Graham, a president of the California Real Estate Association in 1958, is currently regional vice president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards. The CREA presently is engaged in a drive to place an anti-fair housing initiative on the ballot in 1964.

Garcia is a member of the Community Service Organization and a member and ex-vice chairman of the Mexican American Political Association of Northern California.

The appointments, all for four year terms, require Senate confirmation.

Now's the Time for COPEs To Seek 1964 Candidates

All district, county and local COPE's interested in encouraging good potential candidates to run for a seat in the state assembly or state senate in the forthcoming elections should bear in mind that a new law enacted in 1963 requires such candidates to file declarations of intention to become candidates with the Secretary of State during the period February 10 through February 19, 1964.

The forms are supplied by the county clerk or the registrar of voters and may be left with such officials for transmittal to the Secretary of State. Since the Secretary of State must have the forms by February 19, the forms should be submitted to the county clerk no later than February 17.

Nominees for state senate or assembly seats are required to have a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 30 sponsors and must file their nomination papers between February 24 and March 20. They must be U.S. citizens and inhabitants of California for three years and of the district for one year before the general election. The filing fee for candidates for the state legislature, which is non-returnable, is \$60.

Further pertinent information on election requirements is contained in a "1964 Election Calendar," published by the Secretary of State's office. Copies of the calendar will be mailed in the near future to all district and county COPE units in the state by the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO.

Fault Finders Told To Look Abroad

"Those who may find fault with the American Labor movement today in the United States, as they find fault with so many things in this country, need only to look abroad—in Latin America, in Europe, in all parts of the world and see labor unions controlled either by the Communists or the government; or there is no labor union.

"And when they find either one of those three conditions, they find inevitably poverty or totalitarianism.

"Therefore, I think it is a fair judgment to make that a free, active, progressive trade union movement stands for a free, active, progressive country. And that is the kind of country I am proud to be president of."

—**John F. Kennedy**

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Congress will convene on Tuesday, January 7th and President Johnson will deliver his State of the Union message the following day.

Principal accomplishments of the first session of the 88th Congress, which started last January 9 and thus spanned 356 days, were the passage of three aid-to-education bills and ratification of the limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

But little progress was made on the two principal issues of the session: Civil rights and the \$11 billion tax cut. Action was also deferred on the Administration's youth-employment bill as well as on a measure to provide subsidies for mass transportation facilities, both of which are regarded as key components of the Administration's proposals to "get the country moving again."

Action on the civil rights issue was stalled in the House Rules Committee by Committee chairman Howard Smith (Dem.-Va.), long an opponent of all civil rights registration.

However a discharge petition to force the Committee to bring the civil rights bill to the House floor has already collected nearly 170 of the 218 signatures needed.

Earlier this month, Thos. L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, wired the state's congressional

FEPC Specialist To Aid L.A. Civil Rights Groups

In an effort to improve its information-education program in southern California, the State Fair Employment Practice Commission has appointed Audrey Rojas Kaslow, a specialist in community organization, as a special representative to provide more effective contact with human relations and civil rights groups in the area.

Mrs. Kaslow, who began her new assignment as a member of FEPC's statewide staff on December 23, will help plan conferences, meetings, broadcasts and news media coverage interpreting fair employment and fair housing laws and coordinate the Commission's speaker service. She had previously served in the Los Angeles Probation Department for 13 years. Her headquarters will be in Los Angeles.

delegation urging them to sign the petition.

Although the petition has not been made public, it is understood that all of California's democratic representatives and at least three Republicans have signed it.

With the pressure for action on the civil rights measure mounting, Rep. Smith indicated he would hold hearings on the civil rights bill in January.

Action on the \$11 billion tax cut, which is intended to stimulate economic growth, was stymied in the Senate Finance Committee. It had been passed by the House on September 25.

Facts Fail To Back AMA's Fond Claims

In dragging out its fight against a federal hospitalization insurance plan to provide medical care for the aged through the social security system, the American Medical Association is fond of claiming that Americans have the finest medical care and the lowest mortality rates of people anywhere in the world. They contend that this would be jeopardized if the federal government becomes involved in financing medical care.

But are the AMA's claims correct?

Not according to the 1962 edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

The Encyclopedia discloses (in volume 12, page 319) that infant mortality in the U.S. is 27 percent per 1000 live births. But in England it is only 25 and in Sweden only 18.2 percent. Both England and Sweden have so-called "socialized medicine" programs.

Moreover, life expectancy is 1.6 years greater in England than in the United States and about four years greater in Sweden.

On Protecting Our Heritage

"... We no longer must fight for liberty in America. That has long been secured by the first 10 amendments of our constitution. It is our task to protect the magnificent heritage of that document and to make sure its guarantees are realized for all persons of every color, race and religious persuasion."
—Governor Edmund G. Brown, speaking in observance of Bill of Rights Day, December 15.

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nia and to hear testimony on current public and voluntary efforts to combat them.

William D. Bechill, executive secretary of California's Citizens' Advisory Committee on Aging, urged anyone having suggestions as to individuals or groups who should be represented at the hearings to contact his committee at Room 3072, 722 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento.

The State Committee, composed of eight citizen members and four members of the legislature, serves to advise the Governor on the needs and problems of California's senior citizens and acts as a clearing house and information center on all aspects of aging.

JFK's Last Words To Labor on Film

"John F. Kennedy's Last Words to Labor," a 16 mm. film of our late President's address to the 1963 AFL-CIO convention barely a week before his assassination, are available for rental or purchase from the AFL-CIO Department of Education.

To encourage the widest possible distribution of the film, AFL-CIO President George Meany directed that the 29-minute film be sold at cost, which is \$35 a copy. It may be rented for \$3.00 per showing.

Rental reservations should be made two weeks in advance with the AFL-CIO Department of Education, 815 16th Street, N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

Birchers Told To Lay Off Smear Tactic For A While

The December Bulletin of the John Birch Society instructed members that criticism identifying the late President Kennedy's Administration with Communism was temporarily "completely unthinkable" because of what Birch leader Robert H. W. Welch Jr. termed the "glorification" of the President since his assassination.

The Bulletin also disclosed that the extreme right wing organization is spending some \$2 million a year purportedly to fight Communism.

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apply for the refund may be secured from stubs of pay checks or from the worker's employers. Wages earned in and reported to states other than California may not be claimed as wages in applying for refunds on state disability insurance payments.

Also, where more than \$46 was deducted from an employee's wages as a result of his employer's error, the employee should request refund of the excess from his employer. The employer may in turn obtain a refund in these cases by writing to the Department of Employment at the above address.

The State Disability Insurance Program, one of the fruits of the California Labor Federation's legislative efforts, provides benefits ranging from a minimum of \$25 effective this year to a maximum of not less than \$75 for workers in covered employment who are temporarily unable to work due to non-occupationally incurred sickness or injury.

The Disability Insurance Program, which became operative in 1947, is financed by a one percent contribution on a taxable wage base determined by the legislature. In 1963 the wage base was \$4600. To finance additional benefits, the 1961 legislature increased the taxable wage limitation to \$5100 in 1964 and \$5600 in 1965 and thereafter.

The weekly disability benefits are payable either in whole or at a reduced rate only if the claimant suffers a wage loss while disabled. Hospital benefits at the rate of \$12 per day for up to 20 days, which are also provided by the disability insurance program, are paid regardless of any remuneration received during the period of disability.

Federal Workers' Right to Organize

"... participation of employees and the formulation and implementation of personnel policies affecting them contributes to effective conduct of public business; ...

"... the efficient administration of the government and the well-being of employees require that orderly and constructive relationships be maintained between employee organizations and management officials; ...

"... employees of the federal government shall have, and shall be protected in the exercise of, the right, freely and without fear of penalty or reprisal to form, join, and assist any employee organization or to refrain from any such activity."—Executive Order 10988 signed by President Kennedy January 17, 1962.

New NLRB Pamphlets Deal With T-H and Bargaining

Two informative pamphlets on the Taft-Hartley Act and collective bargaining written by Stuart Rothman, general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, and containing much background material of interest to union officers are now available.

"A Layman's Guide to Basic Law under the National Labor Relations Act" briefly reviews the entire act, discussing specifically among other things rights, unfair practices, enforcement powers, etc.

"Entering into a Collective Bargaining Relationship for the First Time" discusses the conditions that must be met before bargaining is requested, notice requirements, bargaining issues, and includes a succinct statement on NLRB jurisdictional standards.

Single copies of the pamphlets should be ordered from the Division of Information, National Labor Relations Board, 1717 Pennsylvania Avenue N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

Quantity orders should be directed to the office of the general counsel of the NLRB at the same address.

Workers' Pay Check Deductions Must Be Itemized

Deductions employers make from employees' pay checks must be itemized in an identifiable statement that's given to employees whenever wages are paid, State Labor Commissioner Sigmund Arywitz has announced.

In answer to inquiries about Section 226 of the State Labor Code enacted by the 1963 legislature, Arywitz said:

"This section provides that at the time of each payment of wages, every employer shall furnish each of his employees, either on the check stub or separately, an itemized statement in writing showing:

1. All deductions.
2. Inclusive dates of the period for which wages are paid.
3. The name of the employee, or his social security number.
4. The name of the employer.

"It is acceptable to indicate only the final date of the (pay) period, if its length is also shown, such as weekly pay period ending November 15," Arywitz added.

New Booklet on Nation's Health Needs Available

A new 20-page booklet, "America's Health Needs — The Government's Role," originally designed to aid high school debaters, is now available from the Pamphlet Division of the AFL-CIO Department of Publications, 815 16th Street, N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

The booklet graphically depicts the inadequacy of present health insurance coverage by age and income levels and discusses the key conditions that must be met if the benefits of the best of modern medical care are to be made available to all U. S. citizens.

Single copies are free. On orders up to 100 copies the charge is 10c per copy. The charge for orders of 100 copies or more is \$7.50 per hundred. Checks should be made payable to Wm. F. Schnitzler, Secretary-Treasurer, AFL-CIO.

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