

## Delegates to Act On 17 Propositions On Nov. 3 Ballot

California voters will be called upon to decide the fate of 17 propositions on the November 3 ballot.

Organized labor's position on these measures will be determined by the delegates to the forthcoming 5th Biennial Convention of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, in San Francisco during the week of August 17-21. Here is a brief description of each of the propositions at issue:

**Proposition No. 1—\$150 Millions for Beaches and Parks** — Authorizes issuance of \$150 million in bonds for parks, beaches, recreational and historical facilities. The total sum would be broken down as follows: \$85 million to acquire land for beaches and parks; \$20 million to develop the land; \$5 million to acquire and develop land for wildlife management; and \$40 million to provide grants to cities and counties for the acquisition and development of beaches and parks. (Senate Bill 153).

**Proposition No. 2—\$380 Million for State Construction** — Authorizes a \$380 million state construction bond issue to finance the building, equipment and land acquisition needs of California's University system, its state and junior colleges. The bond issue funds would also be used to provide facilities for the mentally retarded, the mentally ill, and narcotics control as well as for correctional and fire fighting facilities. (SB 62).

**Proposition No. 3—\$260 Million for**  
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## INDUSTRY-WIDE LOCKOUTS AT ISSUE

### Congress Probe of Chain Stores' Labor Policies Urged by Retail Clerks' Leader

A "full-scale" investigation into the pricing and labor relations policies of the nation's major retail chain stores looking toward a law to prohibit industry-wide lockouts by retail store employers is being sought by James A. Suffridge, President of the Retail Clerk's International Association.

Testifying before a House Labor

Subcommittee, Suffridge cited the recently settled 10-week lockout of 5,000 food store workers in Maryland and Delaware by employers who, he said, were seeking to break a strike of 600 workers against another chain.

Suffridge said that the employers, by advance agreement, cut off the primary food supplies of one of the nation's biggest cities (Baltimore) and demonstrated their conviction that "their economic power places them above the law."

Pointing out that Congress has repeatedly acted to regulate unions but has left employers and bargaining associations of employers in a "dark, unex-

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### Retention of All US Shipyards Urged

Retention of all 11 U.S. Naval Shipyards is called for in a policy statement adopted recently by a 26-member congressional committee which pointed out that the closing of any yard or any substantial cut in personnel could only be achieved at the expense of our national security and the well being of the communities in which the yards are located.

The congressional working committee was formed at a meeting of more than 100 Senators and Representatives with



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## Gov. Brown to Address Opening Session Of Federation Convention in S.F. Aug. 17

Governor Edmund G. Brown will address more than 2,000 delegates from labor unions throughout the state at the opening session of the California Labor Federation's 5th Biennial Convention in San Francisco on Monday, August 17, 1964, according to state AFL-CIO leader Thos. L. Pitts, the Federation's secretary-treasurer.

The convention, the first Federation convention to be held in San Francisco since the merger of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations on the state level in 1958, will be held in the Civic Auditorium starting at 10:00 a.m. Monday and continuing through the week.

Recalling the merger convention, Pitts declared:

"The intervening years have witnessed the full consummation of the  
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## Promoters of Prop. 17 Accused Of Duplicity

George Bodle, executive member of the California Committee to Preserve Railroad Safety, today labeled as "sheer duplicity" the contention of proponents of Proposition 17 that California Minimum Crew Laws should be brought into line with the 1963 award of a Federal Arbitration Board.

"The plain facts are," Bodle said, "that the award of Federal Arbitration Board No. 282 does not apply, and was never intended to apply to California. Yet, the sponsors of Proposition 17 are trying to mislead the citizens of our state into believing otherwise."

"The Congressional Record of August 28, 1963, clearly states that 'the award is not intended to supersede or modify any State Laws relating to the manning of trains,' Bodle stressed.

"Thus, California and 15 other progressive states with minimum crew laws on the statute books are not required to comply with the board's ruling," he said.

"Further, it would be actually unwise for California to change its regulations drastically, as the proponents suggest. Railroad conditions in this state are vastly different, with more miles of track in mountainous terrain, more dangerous crossings and the nation's greatest automotive traffic. Federal regulations are not an appropriate substitute for state rules established to cope with specific situations or conditions," he asserted.

Bodle, an attorney, also noted that earlier this month a Nevada State District Judge ruled against three giant

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merger in all our functional relationships and the vitality of the Federation today is reflected in the fact that as of the August 3 deadline for convention resolutions a record number of more than 270 had been submitted."

Delegates to the convention, representing some 1.4 million AFL-CIO union members in California will be confronted with the task of charting labor's goals for the next two years, Pitts explained.

"With unemployment climbing in the state and the impact of automation and California's fantastic population explosion compounding the problem, this is going to be no easy task," Pitts said.

"But with the spirit of cooperation and determined unity labor unions throughout the state have evidenced recently, I am sure we will get the job done," he added.

In addition to automation, Pitts said the delegates will be confronted with resolutions aimed at spurring the state's economic growth, securing enactment of a program to provide prepaid health care for the aged through the social security system and demands for legislative action in a host of other fields ranging from education and housing to recreation and civil rights.

Among other resolutions are those calling for the payment of prevailing wages on all public contracts; anti-strikebreaker legislation; a ban on wage garnishments; collective bargaining for public employees; a 35-hour week; and improvements in workmen's compensation, disability and unemployment insurance programs.

## Propositions at Issue

The delegates will also study 17 propositions to appear on the November bal-

## Labor Day Safety Campaign

An appeal to all AFL-CIO affiliates to take an active part in the sixth annual Labor Day safety campaign has been issued by AFL-CIO President George Meany.

Meany urged all trade unionists to "work diligently" in a united effort to make labor's own holiday a safe one.

The campaign is co-sponsored by the AFL-CIO Standing Committee on Safety and Occupational Health and the Labor Conference of the National Safety Council.

As part of the campaign, local unions are urged to sponsor a drive among their own members to have approved safety belts installed in their cars and to use them. A list of union-made approved belts is available from the AFL-CIO Standing Committee on Safety and Occupational Health, 815 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

lot and determine what position to take on them.

The convention sessions will be presided over by President Albin J. Gruhn. Convention headquarters will be at the Del Webb TowneHouse at 8th and Market Streets, where registration will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, August 15.

Representing AFL-CIO President George Meany at the convention will be James A. Suffridge, president of the Retail Clerks International Association, who will address the delegates Monday afternoon.

A broad set of policy recommendations to be submitted to the delegates for their consideration will be developed by the Federation's Executive Council which will meet for this purpose on Thursday and Friday, August 13 and 14.

## Other Speakers

Other principal speakers at the five-day convention will include California's Lieutenant Governor Glenn M. Anderson; C. J. (Neil) Haggerty, president of the AFL-CIO Building Trades Department nationally, and a former secretary-treasurer of the state Federation; Alexander Barkan, national director of the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education, and a number of other state and national leaders.

A special feature of the convention at the Wednesday afternoon session will be the presentation of eleven \$500 college scholarship awards to the winners of the 14th Annual High School Scholarship competition sponsored by the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO.

Eight of the 11 scholarships in this year's competition were made available in cooperation with the following Federation affiliates:

Los Angeles Building and Construction Trades Council (two scholarships), one of which is to be known as the "Lloyd A. Mashburn Memorial Scholarship"; the California Legislative Board of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; the California State Council of Carpenters; the Carpenters Ladies Auxiliary, California State Council; the California State Council of Culinary Workers, Bartenders and Hotel and Motel Service Employees; the Los Angeles County District Council of Painters No. 36, to be known as the "Roderick MacKenzie Scholarship Award"; and the Los Angeles District Council of Carpenters.

Local central labor bodies, unions and school officials throughout the state co-operated with the Federation to encourage participation in the scholarship competition.

The highlight of social activities at the convention will be a Grand Ball for convention delegates and visitors to be held in the Grand Ballroom of the San Francisco Hilton Hotel Thursday evening from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Among the exhibits to be on hand at

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explored cave of interstate labor relations," Suffridge urged Congress to:

- Amend the Taft-Hartley Act to outlaw industry-wide lockouts; provide for interim injunctions on petitions by the National Labor Relations Board; and make employers who engage in concerted lockouts liable to damage suits.

- Require employers and their associations to file annual reports on their labor relations expenditures and funds under the Landrum-Griffin Act, which requires unions to report their income and expenditures.

- Amend the anti-trust and other laws to ban pacts requiring individual employers to abide by group decisions involving labor relations.

- Amend the Wage-Hour laws to guarantee equal pay to part-time employees for equal work and end job "slaughter" by "greedy employers" trying to save money on pensions and the like.

- Control the devices by which employers aid each other such as subsidies and "sub rosa" agreements in labor disputes.

Suffridge, who will be AFL-CIO President George Meany's representative at the forthcoming convention of the California Labor Federation in San Francisco, explained that the 13-week strike against the Acme Food Chain in Baltimore and the 10-week lockout of 5,000 RCIA members by other employers followed a pattern of employer conduct across the nation, which he said, is "deeply ominous in its implications for a democratic society. . . .

"When an association of major food chains locks out 5,000 workers and deprives one million people of their normal source of food, that employer group is not merely trying to preserve the integrity of any bargaining unit," Suffridge declared.

The reason for such a lockout "is to coerce and intimidate the employers," he explained.

The seven Baltimore chains participating in the lockout claimed that the union's strike against one employer threatened the integrity of their bargaining unit.

Declaring that this is a "legal fiction" since it "does not make much sense" to suggest that a single local union could successfully "whipsaw" several of the largest and most powerful corporations in the nation, Suffridge urged the Subcommittee to "begin the vital task of unmasking this menacing combination of employer forces."

the Civic Auditorium will be a Union Label Booth and a COPE Booth to distribute information and materials about these two vital trade union programs.

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**School Districts** — Authorizes \$260 million school building aid bond issue to provide funds for loans and grants to school districts to acquire land and to construct and equip school buildings. (AB 120).

**Proposition No. 4 — Veterans' Property Tax Exemption** — Limits eligibility for the Veteran's \$1000 property tax exemption after 1964 to those who enter the service from California, excepting those who are residents of the state at the time the amendment becomes effective. Widows and parents of deceased veterans who are eligible for an exemption prior to the effective date of the amendment would not lose eligibility as a result of passage of the proposition. (SCA 14).

**Proposition No. 5—Veterans' Widows' Property Tax Exemption** — Increases from \$5,000 to \$10,000 the maximum amount of property a veteran's widow can hold and still receive the \$1,000 property tax exemption allowed veterans and their widows. This proposition is limited to widows who are residents of California. (SCA 15).

**Proposition No. 6—Retaliatory Taxation of Insurance Companies**—Stipulates that when any other state imposes an insurance tax or a license tax or other fee

on California insurance carriers in excess of similar taxes imposed by California on carriers from the state in question, the same shall be imposed on the insurance carriers from the other states. (ACA 27).

**Proposition No. 7—Investment of Retirement Funds in Corporate Stocks**—Permits the legislature to authorize the investment of public pension and retirement funds, other than the teachers retirement fund, in stocks, shares or other obligations of corporations. (ACA 13).

**Proposition No. 8 — Judges Names on Ballot** — Dealing with the re-election of Superior Court judges in counties with populations of more than 700,000, provides that the name of an incumbent Superior Court judge shall not appear on the ballot if he is the only candidate filing nomination papers and if a petition signed by 100 registered voters is not filed within 20 days after the closing date indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted. If a petition for a write-in campaign is filed prior to 45 days before a general election, the name of the incumbent will be placed on the ballot if it has not appeared on the primary ballot. The intent of the measure is to extend to Alameda, Orange, San Diego and San Francisco Counties the same authority which was granted to Los Angeles County by passage of Proposition 21 in 1962. Its purpose is to shorten the ballot while providing safeguards for those desiring to oppose an incumbent judge. (SCA 21).

**Proposition No. 9—Supervisory District Reapportionment**—Adds a subsection to the Constitution to make every county, unless otherwise provided by the legislature, subject to general laws concerning reapportionment of county supervisory districts. It would include the 11 charter counties within the legislation that requires redistricting by July 1, 1965 and creates a supervisory redistricting commission in each county to perform the duty if the Board of Supervisors fails to do so. (SCA 3).

**Proposition No. 10—Disposition of School Land Fund Revenues** — Elim-

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railroads in upholding the principle that Nevada's train crew laws do not violate the state's constitution, nor the arbitration board's award.

The suit tested the power of Nevada's attorney general to enforce state laws requiring a fireman on freight trains.

"This is a clear-cut decision underscoring the need for safe crew laws.

"California must retain both the right and the superior qualifications of its state legislature and the State Public Utilities Commission to determine minimum crew requirements for the safety of all citizens and public and private property.

"This right must be retained, and it can with a 'no' vote on Proposition 17 in November," Bodle asserted.

The statewide railroad safety committee is spearheading the campaign to defeat Proposition 17. Bodle said the initiative measure is an attempt by railroad interests to eradicate California State Laws pertaining to minimum crew requirements for public safety.

inates the Constitutional requirement that proceeds from school lands and other land granted to California by the federal government must be dedicated to the support of common schools throughout the state. It would also end the requirement that proceeds from the estates of persons dying without leaving a will or heir, and proceeds from royalties granted by Congress on the sale of federal lands in California be "inviolably" appropriated for support of the public schools. Intent of measure is to simplify bookkeeping since funds from this source have dwindled to a small fraction of state school support money. (SCA 9).

**Proposition No. 11—City-County Service Contracts**—Eliminates a Constitutional provision requiring approval by a majority of a city's voters before a municipality may contract with a county to perform certain municipal functions.

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President B. A. Gritta of the AFL-CIO Metal Trades Department and representatives of the metal trades councils from all of the nation's U.S. Naval Shipyards.

Its chairman, Representative Emanuel Celler (D. N.Y.) was authorized to seek a meeting with President Johnson to appeal for prompt action to delay any closings or cutbacks at the shipyards until a report which is due from the Department of Defense is submitted.

The Committee's policy statement also indicated that it would work for legislation to require the Secretary of Defense to get approval from both the House and Senate Armed Services Committees before taking any action to "close down, phase out, put on a stand-by basis, or lease or sell" any existing naval shipyard.

A California congressman, Representative Robert L. Leggett, a Democrat of Vallejo, was named chairman of the Committee's Subcommittee on Legislation. Other members of the Subcommittee are Senators Kenneth B. Keating (R.-N.Y.); Thomas J. McIntyre (D.-N.H.); and Representatives Thomas P. Gill (D.-Hawaii) and Hugh Carey (D.-N.Y.).

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This measure would also validate any city-county agreements entered into before the effective date of the amendment, provided that such agreements are in accord with the general laws of the state. It is intended to clarify the rights of cities to contract for fire protection, sanitation and other services from counties without undergoing the expense of an election. (SCA 25).

**Proposition No. 12—Property tax Relief in Disaster Areas**—Authorizes the legislature to provide, either directly or through local agencies, for relief from ad valorem taxation in cases where taxable property is damaged or destroyed after the lien date in a tax year when an area or region suffers a fire, flood, earthquake or other Act of God. To be eligible, the area would have to be declared a disaster area by the Governor. (ACA 10).

**Proposition 13—Safeguard Against Misuse of State Constitution**—Prohibits the California Constitution from being amended to confer powers, duties or functions on specific persons or private corporations. Neither initiatives nor amendments proposed by the legislature would be allowed to contain provisions naming persons or private corporations as the agency to perform proposed or existing functions of the state. (The intent of this measure is to protect the public from private profiteering schemes, particularly Proposition 16 on the November ballot, the lottery initiative, which would give its promoters, the American Sweepstakes Corporation, a 10-year monopoly on the proposed lottery's operation. (ACA 12).

**Proposition No. 14—Sales and Rentals of Residential Real Property**—Eliminates the existing constitutional rights of individuals to acquire property by granting solely to property owners and their agents the absolute right "to decline to sell, lease or rent" residential real property to any person for any reason whatsoever, and bans the state, its subdivisions and agencies from denying or limiting this right in any way. (ICA).

## So Now's His Chance!

In his book, "The Conscience of the Conservative," Senator Barry Goldwater, the Republican Presidential nominee, wrote that he would like to see a Presidential candidate who would declare:

"I have little interest in streamlining government or in making it more efficient, for I mean to reduce its size. I do not undertake to promote welfare, for I propose to extend freedom. My aim is not to pass laws, but to repeal them. It is not to inaugurate new programs, but to cancel old ones. . . ."

**Proposition No. 15—Television Programs**—An initiative measure to prohibit charges of any kind for TV programs transmitted to home TV sets. It would not apply to community, hotel or apartment antenna systems or non-profit educational TV systems.

**Proposition No. 16—State Lottery**—An initiative measure to establish a statewide lottery with the American Sweepstakes Corporation named in the Constitution as the sole licensee for the first 10 years. Provides for tickets to be sold for \$2 with 26 cents (13 percent of each ticket) to go to the American Sweepstakes Corporation. Prizes would not come out of the American Sweepstakes Corporation's 13 percent but would be paid out of the balance left over after deduction from each \$2 ticket of \$1.29 to be allocated to support public education and the 26 cents commission for the promoter. The measure would require monthly drawings and would create a state lottery commission of three members appointed by the Governor with supervisorial powers over the licensee who would be required to pay an annual fee of \$500 for each county in the state. The commission would print and sell \$2 tickets to the licensee for \$1.74. (ICA).

**Proposition No. 17—Railroad Train Crews**—An initiative measure to wipe out public safety laws covering the composition of train crews and to completely remove the authority of the California Public Utilities Commission to establish minimum safety standards. It would also make immediately effective a federal arbitration award on the manning of trains that would undercut California's minimum standards.

## COPE'S 1964 Handbook For Speakers Ready

The 1964 COPE Speakers Handbook, a handy reference for use in speeches and at union meetings, is now available and may be ordered by union members at a cost of \$1 per copy from the Committee on Political Education, 815 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The handbook provides the facts and background on major events and legislation for the past four years and is a useful campaign document for COPE meetings, political meetings or merely for discussing politics with friends and neighbors.

It is in looseleaf form and additions will be mailed by COPE to purchasers as new facts arise on important issues. The looseleaf form also permits the user to insert material localizing the issues. Its cost to non-union members is \$7.50. (See Order Form on Page 3.)

# COPE Credential Forms Sent Out For Sept. 18 Parley

Credential forms for the Pre-General Election Endorsement Convention of the California Labor Council on Political Education were mailed out to all affiliated local unions and central bodies this week.

As noted in the official convention call issued early last month by Thos. L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the state AFL-CIO's political arm, the original credential is to be given to the delegate. The list of authorized delegates is to be filled out and the original and duplicate of this list mailed, together with the properly filled out duplicate credentials, to the secretary-treasurer as soon as possible after receipt but not later than September 3, 1964. The triplicate of the list of authorized delegates is to be retained by the local's secretary.

Delegates to the convention will review the results of the June 2 primary and decide on endorsements to be made in the November 3 general election in those instances where the position of California Labor COPE had not been reported to date and where COPE candidates failed to qualify at the primary election. They will also take action on any other pertinent issues they deem relevant.

The convention will be held in California Hall at 625 Polk Street at Turk in San Francisco on Friday, September 18, 1964. Convention headquarters will be at the Del Webb TowneHouse.

The deadline for the receipt of resolutions and proposed amendments to the constitution by the secretary-treasurer is Thursday, September 3, 1964, except for those approved by regularly constituted and affiliated statewide organizations at conventions or conferences held during the 15 days preceding the convention, which must be received by the secretary-treasurer not later than 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 17, 1964.

## Is What's Good For The Klan Good For GOP and U.S.?

The grand dragons of the Ku Klux Klan in Alabama and Georgia have endorsed Senator Barry Goldwater for President.

Robert Creel, Alabama's KKK leader, declared:

"I believe what he believes in. I think the same way he thinks."

Calvin F. Craig, Georgia's KKK leader, said that "with Goldwater, we've got a chance to regain state's rights."

Dean Burch, Republican National Chairman commented that the Republican Party's position is that as long as the Ku Klux Klan is not in the business of overthrowing the government, "we're not in the business of discouraging votes."