

Poverty War Needs Ideals, U.S. Aide Says

Deputy Under Secretary of Labor Millard Cass called for ideals as guides in our all-out war against poverty.

Addressing the recent 25th convention of the Wood, Wire, and Metal Lathers International Union in New York City, Cass stated that "our Nation is a paradox of affluence and poverty, of the greatest prosperity in history and of millions existing in squalor."

"If the richest Nation on earth cannot wipe out poverty," he said, "what hope is there for the rest of the world?"

Ticking off a host of examples illustrative of our healthy economy, Cass said:

"Employment has risen 3¼ millions, or 5.6 percent, seasonally adjusted, since January 1961. The rate of unemployment has fallen from 6.7 percent to 5.1 percent. The annual average growth rate has been 5.3 per cent. Average weekly earnings, after Federal tax deductions, measured in terms of dollars of constant purchasing power, increased by 10 percent. Corporate profits, after taxes, rose to almost \$32 billion in the second quarter of 1964, 65 percent higher than in the first quarter of 1961.

"The year 1963 was a postwar low for strike idleness and, so far, 1964 work stoppages have been running even lower than last year," he pointed out.

"The present business cycle expan-

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Top Economist Hits Barry's Tax Plan as 'Outside Realm of Economic Realities'

Nathaniel Goldfinger, organized labor's chief economist, this week labeled Senator Barry Goldwater's tax-cut proposal "most inequitable, most unfair," and completely outside the realm of economic realities.

Goldfinger doubted that Goldwater's tax-cut statement was "a serious economic proposal. It appears to me to be the proposal of a man who is

running hard for the presidency against great odds." Any Democratic candidate offering such a plan "would be denounced by the Republicans, and probably very strongly denounced by Senator Goldwater," he said.

Goldfinger, director of the AFL-CIO's Department of Research, pointed out that in the first year of Goldwater's plan, families with income of \$5,000 or less would save only \$10, while "about 500 taxpayers with yearly incomes over \$1 million," would each get a tax cut of more than \$40,000.

The same inequities would apply to corporate tax cuts, with a small number of giant corporations dividing a windfall of about \$1 billion—more than three times the total tax savings that would go

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Now's The Time To Get Your Absentee Ballot

If there is even a remote possibility that you won't be able to get back to your precinct in time to vote on election day, Tuesday, November 3, why not get an absentee ballot?

Starting Monday, October 5, any registered voters who expect to be absent from their election precinct on election day may drop in on their County Clerk or Registrar of Voters and vote by absentee ballot. The period for vot-



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Defeat of Prop. 14 Vital to Avert Worst Setback Since Taft-Hartley, Pitts Says

California labor "will suffer perhaps its greatest set-back since Taft-Hartley" if Proposition 14 isn't defeated at the polls on November 3, state AFL-CIO leader Thos. L. Pitts warned union members throughout the state this week.

Although "virtually every progressive force in California" is on record in opposition to it, the GOP Presidential ticket nominees are trying to exploit Proposition 14 to their advantage, he charged.

Proposition 14, a constitutional amendment sponsored by the California Real Estate Association that would restrict the rights of some Californians to acquire property, "can be judged by sizing up its sup-

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Urgent—Order Endorsement Pamphlets Now

"The adage 'he who hesitates is lost' is especially applicable to orders for the official California Labor COPE general election endorsement pamphlets and the special pamphlet against Proposition 14," State AFL-CIO leader Thos. L. Pitts reminded affiliates throughout the state this week.

Pointing out that less than 21 working days remain before the election, Pitts urged all affiliates to get their orders for the pamphlets in immediately to assure adequate time for their distribution at the local level.

Separate area pamphlets are to be printed for the 1st and 12th Congressional Districts to better serve the areas involved. As a result there will be 11 instead of 10 variations of the statewide pamphlet and the San Francisco area pamphlet will encompass six instead of nine counties.

The statewide pamphlet, samples of which were mailed to all affiliates with a cover letter last week, lists all candidates endorsed at California Labor COPE's pre-general election endorsement convention in San Francisco September 18.

The 11 area variations, which may carry local recommendations of county or district COPEs for various county offices on the mailing panel, are identical to the statewide pamphlet except that the endorsement for Congress, the State Senate and the State Assembly are

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Deputy Under Secretary of Labor Cass Says All-out Poverty War Needs Ideals

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sion, measured from the trough in February 1961, has lasted 43 months. This makes it the second largest peacetime expansion in the past 110 years," he continued.

"These glowing figures indicate that our economy is healthy and improving. Yet, we are not satisfied because we are a compassionate people, concerned that one-fifth of the Nation is not sharing in the affluence and progress of the rest of us.

"One-fifth of our people live in poverty. It is for them that our President has declared that we must open 'the gates of opportunity.'

"The Congress, responding to the need and the President's leadership, has enacted a great deal of the positive program required to provide economic opportunities for all Americans.

"This program has a number of parts. Among them are the recent tax cut; the aid to distressed communities provided by the Area Redevelopment Act, and the proposed legislation to help Appalachia; the Manpower Development and Training Act, and the expanded Vocational Education Act to train persons for jobs; the proposal for hospital insurance for the elderly; protection for migrant farm workers; a food stamp program for the needy; minimum wage protection for millions not now covered by it; improvements in the coverage and benefits of the unemployment insurance system; greater assistance to those seeking decent homes; aid to education; and the recently enacted Economic Opportunity Act, which is a cornerstone of the

war against poverty.

"There are, in addition, such helpful new laws as the Davis-Bacon Fringe Benefits Act which prevents undercutting of the hard-won standards of building tradesmen. For besides helping the poor, we must protect the wages and working conditions earned by unions in collective bargaining.

"We are undertaking this vast program because it is right and because it is necessary. It is right because all our people should share in our general prosperity, and it is necessary because our whole economy must be strong, or ultimately none of it will be. For poverty, unemployment and substandard working conditions not only hurt their victims, but also imperil the standards and the jobs of others.

"Trade unionism is a positive force. It commands that men and women must be treated with decency and dignity, must have their work respected and their rights protected, must receive fair wages and proper working conditions, must share in the fruits of their labor and the benefits of improved technology, must have a voice in their own destiny, both occupationally and politically, and must have equal employment opportunities and civil rights.

"Trade unionism is the mechanism through which millions of persons at home and abroad find fulfillment of their aspirations and protection of their rights. A free, strong, responsible trade union movement is essential to a free, strong, responsible democracy. Where workers are not protected, all people are enslaved," Cass declared.

Defeat of Prop. 14 Vital to Avert Labor Setback

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porters," Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, said.

The "leading advocates" of Proposition 14, he said, "include the American Nazi Party, Ku Klux Klan, White Citizens' Councils, and virtually every last 'right to worker' in and out of the state.

"Its formal sponsor, the California Real Estate Association, played a leading role in trying to enact the open shop in 1958.

"Out-of-state money from such sinister anti-labor groups is flowing into California by the barrel, the latest being a solid \$100,000 contribution from one source alone," he asserted.

"A victory for Proposition 14 would weld together a solid rightist-racist-reactionary 'right to work' coalition while jeopardizing the labor-minority group alliance underlying our past legislative and bargaining gains."

In a letter dispatched to more than 1,700 affiliated unions throughout the state, Pitts urged the state's 1.4 million AFL-CIO trade unionists "to contribute until it hurts" to the fight against Proposition 14 because "the stakes are enormous."

The state "faces a mass media blitzkrieg" by the realtor-led coalition on billboards, as well as in radio, TV and newspaper ads, he said.

"Although the multi-million dollar drive will center on putting over Proposition 14's deceptive and vicious objectives, tens of thousands may also be misled by it into (Senator) Goldwater's corner," Pitts warned.

"To avoid losing the TV, radio and billboard reservations required to offset this well-heeled realtor campaign," Pitts said liberal forces opposing Proposition 14 "desperately need funds."

Detailed study of the realtors' proposition "reveals many hidden threats to workers of all races," he asserted.

"These range from genuine jeopardy to 200,000 jobs in California (due to Proposition 14's defiance of federal fair housing requirements) to scarcer housing for workers, higher state-local taxes and many other dangers on top of the bonanza Proposition 14 promises to Goldwater," he explained.

Asserting that "every dollar now has the effect of \$2 contributed later," Pitts appealed to union members to send funds immediately to Californians Against Proposition 14 at either 5504 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, or 48 Second Street, San Francisco.

APPLICATION FOR ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOT

Date.....

I hereby apply for an OFFICIAL BALLOT of my Precinct and District for the November 3, 1964, General Election because I expect to be absent from my Election Precinct on the day of the above election or unable to vote therein by reason of physical disability.

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(Address)

Sign Name in Full

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NOTE: This application must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. Oct. 27, 1964.

Time to Get Your Absentee Ballot

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ing by absentee ballot extends from October 5 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, October 27.

However, if a voter enters the hospital, a sanitarium or nursing home on the day before election day or on election day itself, he may apply for, obtain and return his ballot up to the time the polls close on election day.

To get an absent voter's ballot by mail, just write your County Clerk saying:

"I expect to be absent from my election precinct on election day November 3 and therefore request that an absent voter's ballot be sent to me at (your address)." Date it, then sign your name in full and below it the address at which you are a registered voter and mail it to the County Clerk.

But when your absentee ballot arrives, don't mislay it. Mark the ballot and send it right back.

If you don't want to write a letter, just fill out the Application for Absent Voter's Ballot form on Page 2 and send it in.

Remember, you don't actually have to be absent from your election precinct on election day but need merely expect to be absent from it to make use of the absent voter's ballot.

The important thing is to be sure **YOU MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT.**

Top Economist Hits Barry's Tax Plan

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to the vast number of smaller corporations, Goldfinger said in the network radio interview **LABOR NEWS CONFERENCE.**

He said that the Goldwater plan boils down to "great benefits for the wealthy and tiny benefits for those in the lower and middle income brackets."

Goldfinger said that some tax cuts might be possible next year, or in 1966, depending on the general levels of key economic indicators such as "sales, production, income, employment and unemployment."

The main emphasis right now, he said, "should be placed on increased government investment in education, housing, urban renewal," and other areas that will "improve public services and reduce the level of joblessness."

Reporters questioning Goldfinger on the AFL-CIO produced public affairs program, aired weekly over the Mutual Broadcasting System were Frank Porter, national economics correspondent for the Washington Post, and Hobart Rowen, economic correspondent for Newsweek

Proposition 14 Imperils 200,000 Jobs, Gruhn Warns Citizens' Rally in S.F.

"Proposition 14 threatens to gut the state's construction industry because over \$1 billion in federally assisted housing construction funds are likely to be lost if Proposition 14 should pass," Albin J. Gruhn, President of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, declared at a Citizens' Rally Against Proposition 14 in San Francisco last Tuesday.

Addressing an overflowing throng in the Grand Ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel, Gruhn said that "if the voters of this state—through ignorance, misinformation, and catchy but deceptive and deceitful slogans—are conned into approving Proposition 14, 200,000 jobs will be wiped out.

"This consequence alone, occurring when the state's jobless rate is already 20 percent above the national average, could be catastrophic.

"With more than 400,000 Californians presently jobless, it could boost that number by 50 percent and plunge California into an abyss of social, economic and welfare crises," he pointed out.

BURDENS TAXPAYERS

"While the realtors would get their easy profits under Proposition 14, the

taxpayers would get the bills for the police, fire, sanitation, public health and other costs that run sky-high wherever overcrowded housing and miserable living conditions exist," he continued.

"The next slum or ghetto they try to create may involve someone else's neighborhood and someone else's home. But it is our tax money—yours, mine and the misinformed voters whom we must reach between now and November 3—that will subsidize the realtors' profits," he declared.

At the outset of his remarks, Gruhn said he was "deeply concerned" that the State of California "has fallen prey to the deceitful, hate-mongering propaganda issued by a band of self-serving real estate salesmen who are willing to sacrifice their state's honor and their nation's principles to make a fast buck."

CAUSE FOR ALARM

Asserting that the California Real Estate Association and other promoters of Proposition 14 are the same 'right to work' forces that tried to destroy unions in 1958—the same extremists who tried

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SALINGER WINS SUPPORT—Thos. L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of California Labor COPE (left), and Albin J. Gruhn, COPE president (right), congratulate U. S. Senator Pierre Salinger for his address to more than 500 delegates to the recent California Labor COPE convention in San Francisco where he won the delegates' unanimous endorsement and a standing ovation. Salinger warned the union representatives that "labor will be on the outside looking in if Goldwater takes over" and urged defeat of Proposition 14.

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confined to the area involved. All will carry labor's recommendations for the 17 statewide ballot propositions and pictures and copy in support of President Lyndon B. Johnson, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, and Senator Pierre Salinger as the California COPE-endorsed candidates for president, vice president and U. S. senator, respectively.

The 11 variations of the statewide pamphlet now going to press will cover the following areas:

1. San Francisco area, encompassing the six counties of San Francisco, Alameda, Solano, Contra Costa, San Mateo and Santa Clara.
2. Los Angeles County.
3. Sacramento Valley area, encompassing Sacramento, Butte, Glenn, Colusa, Tehama, Placer, El Dorado, Amador, Shasta, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba Counties.
4. San Joaquin Valley area encompassing Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tulare Counties.
5. 1st Congressional District, encompassing Humboldt, Del Norte, Mendocino, Sonoma, Marin, and Napa Counties.
6. 12th Congressional District, comprised of Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties.
7. 13th Congressional District, comprised of Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties.
8. San Diego.
9. Orange.
10. San Bernardino.
11. 38th Congressional District, comprised of Imperial and Riverside Counties.

The pamphlets, which are free of charge, may be used as self-mailers, for stuffing in No. 10 envelopes or for distribution in door-to-door precinct work. Orders should be mailed immediately to California Labor COPE, 995 Market Street, Room 810, San Francisco.

See order form on this page.

On The Importance Of Voting . . .

In 1948, President Truman won Ohio by 7,107 votes and California by 17,865. If one Truman voter in each precinct in these two states had stayed away from the polls, Governor Dewey would have captured 50 more electoral votes. President Truman would have lost 50, and the election would have been thrown into the House of Representatives. BE SURE TO VOTE NOVEMBER 3.

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to undercut our civil liberties in 1962 with the Francis amendment," Gruhn said that the very fact that a fight against this proposition has to be waged is "a reflection of the alarming degree of success that the right-wing extremists, the neo-Nazis, the bigots and racists are having with their propaganda."

He urged a redoubling of efforts to defeat Proposition 14.

LYNCH RAPS PROP. 14

State Attorney General Thomas C. Lynch, told the assemblage that the basic concept embodied in Proposition 14 "is as radical and extreme a notion as has ever been offered in our constitution."

That concept, he explained, "is that racial and religious discrimination in the sale and rental of real estate is a basic right which ought to be constitutionally enshrined with such other rights

as freedom of speech and religion."

Unless Proposition 14 is defeated, he said, "signs would spring up all around California saying, 'No Negroes' or 'No Catholics' or 'No Jews' or whatever. In this respect, Proposition 14 is both radical and extreme," he declared.

STREET VIOLENCE ISSUE

The Attorney General also said that passage of Proposition 14 "would not decrease violence in the streets but increase it."

This, he explained, is because "many of those involved need not a greater divorce from our society but a greater acceptance into it."

"They need to have a feeling of usefulness transferred into a sense of purpose. They need not a deepening of despair but a heightening of hope. For these reasons, we are banded together in common cause and in moral imperative," Lynch said.

California Labor COPE General Election Endorsement Pamphlet

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