

U.S. Action Urged To Ease Impact Of Automation

Government workers at all levels will be confronted with layoffs and job downgrading unless the government stops introducing technological changes until a master plan can be developed to ease the impact of automation.

This warning was contained in a statement submitted to the National Commission on Technology, Automation and Economic Progress by the Government Employees' Council of the AFL-CIO.

The Council, comprised of 31 labor unions representing a million U.S. government workers, urged the Commission to recommend procedures to give unions an opportunity for "effective prior joint consultation" with federal agencies before government office procedures are subjected to automation by the introduction of electronic machines, computers and similar devices.

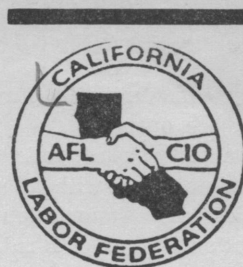
In the past, federal officials have tended to rely on attrition to bring about the substantial reduction in the work force that results when automatic equipment is installed.

But the AFL-CIO Council pointed out that "the accelerated pace of technological change is going to outstrip the rate of attrition" with the result that thousands of government workers will face layoffs and reductions in their job status.

The Commission was established by Congress last year to study the impact of technological change and ways of obtaining maximum benefits from it.

The Council pointed out that, in addition to attrition, reduced working

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Pitts Asks Trade Unionists To Help Expose Right Wing Smear Group

The state AFL-CIO today called on trade unionists throughout California "to help unmask the presently anonymous promoters of a right-wing smear-by-telephone operation known as 'Let Freedom Ring.'"

"The Let Freedom Ring network has been using the phone companies' automatic announcement services to disseminate scattergun attacks on everything from congressmen and clergymen to the PTA, labor unions and the United Nations," AFL-CIO leader Thos. L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, charged.

What's Left Out of the Big Birch Ad?

Apparently hueing to the military tactic that the best defense is a strong offense, the John Birch society has flooded California with more than 2,500,000 copies of a slick 16-page Sunday supplement entitled "The John Birch Society—a Report."

The Report's most recent appearance in the San Francisco Examiner and Chronicle last Sunday, coming on the

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"Mention of labor unions in the LFR messages is generally preceded by the word radical or some other word designed to incite fear among the general public," he noted.

"Heretofore," Pitts said, "the broadcasters of these two-minute hate messages have been able to cloak themselves in anonymity due to the phone companies' policy of not disclosing the names and addresses of persons having

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State Redistrict Bill Gets Final OK

Final legislative action to remap California's 40 State Senate and 80 Assembly Districts to comply with the U.S. Supreme Court's "one man-one vote" decision was assured this week after the Senate approved an administration backed measure to do the job by a 28 to 9 vote and the Assembly concurred in Senate amendments by a vote of 61 to 11. The measure now goes to the Governor for signature.

In the final Senate vote on the measure, AB 1 which incorporated the Senate's redistricting measure SB 6, authored by Senators Hugh M. Burns and Stephen Teale, the following Senators stood in opposition:

Carl L. Christiansen, Jr. (D-Humboldt); Hugh P. Donnelly (D-Stanislaus); Fred Marler (R-Shasta, Trini-

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Consumers Plan Parley Nov. 6-7

The sixth annual convention of the Association of California Consumers will be held Saturday and Sunday November 6th and 7th at the Edgewater Inn adjacent to the Oakland Airport in Oakland.

Esther Peterson, President Johnson's special assistant for Consumer Affairs,

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Two New COPE Workshops Set

Two more one-day political action workshops have been scheduled for local unions and councils in Riverside and Kern, Inyo, Mono, Tulare and Kings Counties.

In addition, the Monterey and Santa Cruz workshop has been rescheduled for Friday, November 12 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Hyatt House at Salinas.

The Riverside workshop is set for Wednesday, November 3. It will open at 1:30 p.m., break for dinner at 5:00

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unlisted numbers.

"But a new policy just adopted by the Pacific Telephone Company stipulates that the automatic announcement services will be made available only to customers who agree that their names and the addresses at which the automatic service equipment is located can be given out on request," he explained.

"While it is known that the LFR sponsors have been operating in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties in Northern California and in San Marino and other communities in Los Angeles County, there is no quick way to expose such smear operations in other communities except through local community action," he pointed out.

In a letter dispatched to all central labor bodies in the state this week, Pitts declared:

"The entire Let Freedom Ring operation, engaging as it does in anonymous smears and slanders, violates the basic American precept that anyone accused has a right to know and face his accuser. It's as un-American as the swastika or the hammer and sickle, and I urge you to pass the word to local unions in your jurisdiction to expose its

Consumers Assn. Plans Parley in Oakland Nov. 6-7

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will be featured speaker at the convention which is planned to come to grips with the question of whether consumer representation in government "is to remain token or become full-fledged."

For the first time the first day's program will be open to the public to give interested citizens a chance to become acquainted with Association's purpose and goals.

Albin J. Gruhn, President of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, who serves on the Association's board of directors, urged trade unionists throughout the state to attend the convention if possible and to encourage others to join the association in the interest of winning approval for such basic consumer interest legislation as Truth-in-lending and truth-in-packaging measures.

Registration for the Nov. 6th session is \$2. Lunch is \$3. Reservations may be sent to the Association's President, Mrs. Jackie Walsh, 440 Ellis St., San Francisco.

promoters in every community in our state in which they are operating."

The phone companies' revised policy stems from complaints filed with the Federal Communications Commission by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the National Council of Churches which expressed "grave concern with the rapid expansion of the commercially organized use of automatic announcement service equipment. . . . broadcasting, interstate and intrastate, anonymous, flagrantly defamatory attacks and libels on individuals and institutions and sowing fear and distrust, strife and hate throughout the communities of our land."

Following these complaints and speeches protesting the LFR operation by Senators Gale McGee, Russell B. Long and Jacob Javits, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company recommended the policy change to its associated companies, Pitts explained.

Current reports, he said, indicate that "these hate messages are being disseminated through well publicized but unlisted numbers in some 35 states across the nation."

A Birch Society propagandist named Dr. William Campbell Douglass writes many of the scripts, has them mimeographed and sent to subscribers throughout the country, the state AFL-CIO leader said.

National headquarters for the Let Freedom Ring setup is at P.O. Box 1775 in Sarasota, Florida, where Douglass is a physician.

Douglass claims his messages are currently being sold in more than 50 cities, and that in many these cities as many as 10 automatic announcing machines are in use, Pitts said.

"If not exposed now, this same operation could be used to spread lies and slanders about any candidate who fails to mouth the straight Birch Society line in the forthcoming general elections next year," he warned.

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hours, earlier retirement, longer vacations, a curb on overtime, and training programs to equip the displaced workers for other fields could be used to cushion the impact of automation on affected workers.

Two More COPE Workshops Scheduled

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p.m. and resume at 7:00 p.m. for another three hours at the Labor Center at 1074 LaCadena Drive in Riverside.

The Kern County workshop, which is also open to trade unionists from Inyo, Mono, Tulare and Kings Counties, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 20 at Ramada Inn at 2620 Pierce Road in Bakersfield.

The workshop series, conducted by the California Labor Council on Political Education, the political arm of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, in cooperation with the participating local central bodies, will include an examination of the current status of the state's social insurance programs; a discussion of problems involving financing local, state and national political education programs; and a review of interview and endorsement techniques most suitable for determining where prospective candidates actually stand.

The sessions will also include a complete report on social insurance changes enacted at the 1965 legislative session.

Local unions or councils planning to send representatives to the Riverside workshop should notify Burnell W. Phillips, of the central labor council, 1074 La Cadena Drive, Riverside. Those planning to send representatives to the Kern County workshop should notify Lowell E. Fowler at the Central Labor Council at 911 20th Street, Bakersfield. And those planning to send representatives to the Monterey-Santa Cruz Workshop should notify George L. Harrison at the Santa Cruz Central Labor Council, 2960 Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz.

Other workshops previously announced but still upcoming include:

Santa Barbara, Ventura, and San Luis Obispo Counties, Saturday, October 23, at the Carpenter's Hall at 2641 Loma Vista Road, Ventura.

Orange County, Sunday, October 24, at Wilbur Clark Crest Hotel on Freedman Way in Anaheim.

San Diego, a two-day workshop Friday and Saturday, October 29-30, at the El Cortez Hotel in San Diego.

San Bernardino County, Saturday, November 6, at the I.B.E.W. Hall at 660 South I Street, San Bernardino.

Fresno-Madera Counties, originally scheduled for October 9 has been rescheduled for Saturday, November 13 at the California Hotel in Fresno.

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heels of denunciations of the society by such top ranking Republican leaders as Senators Thomas H. Kuchel, Everett M. Dirksen, and Thurston B. Morton, tends to substantiate earlier reports that the society plans to play a major role in California's gubernatorial and general election contests next year.

Like most Birch Society materials, this so-called report deals generously in generalities designed to incite fears but cleverly avoids entangling itself in any specific facts.

For example, it asks:

"Are we concerned about the certain, documented, real influence Communism exercises in Washington?"

And it states that the Communists adopted a three-step world conquest strategy that among other things called for:

"Encirclement and infiltration of the United States."

This, the Society's report asserts, is "now more than 50 percent accomplished."

Naturally all citizens would be very much concerned if Washington were awash with Communists and the "encirclement and infiltration" of the nation were already "more than 50 percent accomplished."

But this is not the case. And most thinking citizens know it. That's why they have not been taken in by either the Communists or the John Birch Society.

In fact these two organizations seem to have more in common with each other than with anybody else.

This is illustrated by the report itself in that on the one hand it states that the Communists "simply cannot permit any lasting loyalty except to themselves" and then turns around and says Birch Society members must be "dedicated and completely committed. They demand of themselves more sacrifice and more work than they have ever put into any organization," the report asserts.

Curiously, however, nowhere in the report is there any mention of the fact that the John Birch Society was set up "to be a monolithic body" and to "operate under complete authoritative control at all levels."

Doesn't that sound a bit more like the very Communist totalitarianism the Birch Society claims to be combatting?

The following statements can be found on pages 158-159 of the Birch Society's Blue Book which the report is peddling:

"The John Birch Society is to be a monolithic body . . . The John Birch Society will operate under completely

authoritative control at all levels . . . It is imperative that all the strength we can muster must be subject to smoothly functioning direction from the top . . ."

Perhaps that's why on page 8 of the report they refer to the organization as "open and above board" in large type and in smaller type describe it as "but structured to withstand planned attacks."

Connecticut's Senator Dodd commented recently that the society was perhaps the best tool the Communists could have in this country.

Why?

Because if such Birch Society proposals as repeal of the graduated income tax—the only equitable basis for taxation — and dismantlement of the United Nations were carried out, the nation could become sufficiently isolated from its allies and torn by social unrest within to invite a Communist attempt to take over.

A look at the make-up of the Society's 24-man council, which, it should be noted, is billed as the "top **ADVISORY** body in matters of organization and policy," discloses that it consists of 13 corporate officials, two ex-army officers, two publishers, a banker, a surgeon, an ex-law school dean, a lawyer, a priest, a professor of classical languages and a former U.S. Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

With ex-candy maker Robert Welch thrown in as the top dog, this crew, which includes one ex-president and one ex-director of the National Association of Manufacturers, comprises the leadership that Birch Society members are called upon to submit to.

With such a melange of special interest types at the top, it's not surprising that the society has been able to spend an estimated \$100,000 on the 2.5 million copies of the report distributed by the Los Angeles Times, the Los Angeles Herald Examiner and the San Francisco Examiner and Chronicle during the past year or so.

The cost of the San Francisco distribution last week alone is estimated at \$32,000.

Since the whole thrust of the society as stated in its own goals of "less government, more individual responsibility, and a better world" boils down at best to something just a little bit this side of anarchy, the society's intensified recruitment drive should bestir the active resistance of all thoughtful Californians.

After all, it's no secret that the congressmen who have elicited the greatest degree of enthusiasm from the Birch

Jobless Pay Data Points Up Gaps in U.I. Programs

Pointing up the inadequacies of both state and national unemployment insurance programs are some figures on jobless pay claims issued recently (October 4) by Robert C. Goodwin, administrator of the Bureau of Employment Security of the U.S. Labor Department.

For the week ending September 18, when some 2.9 million workers were unemployed, the nation's jobless pay claims totalled only 941,300. That means that less than one out of three of the nation's jobless workers filed claims for unemployment insurance coverage.

Why didn't the other 69 percent seek jobless benefits too?

Principally, because they aren't covered.

In California, where the level of benefits and the extent of coverage still leaves much to be desired, 177,795 workers qualified for jobless benefits at a time when joblessness in this state was pegged at 353,000. This means that even in such a highly industrialized state as California only 51 percent of the jobless workers actively seeking work qualified for unemployment insurance benefits.

And even for this 51 percent, the level of benefits was in a great number of cases, substantially less than 50 percent of their lost wages.

In his labor message to Congress last May President Lyndon B. Johnson declared:

"Improvements in our unemployment compensation system are essential if the program is to exert a stronger stabilizing effect on the economy and provide people with adequate income when out of work."

To date, however, the 89th Congress, which the President last week described as "the fabulous 89th," has shelved H.R. 8282 embodying the administration's proposed improvements in unemployment compensation.

Society have been those who have **opposed** medical care for the aged, **opposed** social security benefit increases, and **opposed** improvements in minimum wages and working conditions for the least prosperous of the nation's citizens.

Enough said?

A \$3.6 Billion Harvest After All

Thoroughly substantiating the stand maintained consistently by the California Labor Federation that the state can do without imported farm labor, Governor Edmund G. Brown last week announced that "another \$3.6 billion harvest" was in store for California agriculture and suggested that "Senator George Murphy eat crow for his Thanksgiving dinner."

The governor, reporting on conditions following a tour of the tomato harvest in Sacramento and Yolo counties near Sacramento last Friday, declared:

"This is a tremendous tomato harvest. It may very well set a new record in per acre yields.

"For more than a year now we have listened to Senator Murphy and other prophets of doom say that California agriculture faced a disaster this year because of labor problems. Two weeks ago in Chicago Senator Murphy said that agriculture would lose \$1.5 billion this year because of labor shortages.

"The facts are that we may set an all-time high for agricultural income in 1965. There were minor losses in two or three crops because of labor shortages, but these losses are normal in a \$3.6 billion production.

"Weather caused more losses than labor problems," he noted.

"Through a combination of mechanical harvesting and recruiting of domestic labor we required only about 17,000 Mexican braceros at the peak of the harvest this year, compared with 45,000 Mexicans last year," he said.

Actually the 17,000 figure cited by the Governor evidently refers to the grand total of 17,597 braceros actually admitted to work in all crops at the peak of the fall harvest season. The number working in tomatoes alone was only 14,750 during the peak harvest week of September 25.

In contrast, a point the Governor failed to mention, domestic employment in tomatoes during the peak harvest week, at 19,800, was 12,340 above the comparable week a year earlier (Sept. 26, 1964) when only 7,480 domestics were employed principally because the growers then had 39,600 foreign workers in their fields.

The tomato crop this year will produce an estimated \$83 million from 116,000 compared with \$75 million from 143,000 acres in 1964. Prices to farmers were hiked from \$25 to \$35 a ton.

Plantings were reduced this year on industry recommendations because of heavy warehouse inventories in canned

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ty); John F. McCarthy (R-Marin); Stan Pittman (R-Butte); John G. Schmitz (R-Orange); Jack Schrade (R-San Diego); William Symons, Jr. (R-Mono, Inyo, Alpine); and Vernon L. Sturgeon (R-San Luis Obispo).

Senator Alvin C. Weingand (D-Santa Barbara) was unable to vote due to illness.

While the exact details of the measure were not immediately available, the Senate redistricting measure, which was just introduced last Monday, would give Los Angeles 14 Senators to be elected from specified districts numbered 21 through 34 inclusive, and calls for two Senators to be elected at large in San Francisco and two to be elected at large from the most heavily populated portion of Alameda County.

The Senate Reapportionment Committee on Wednesday altered the district breakdown so that neither Sonoma nor Napa Counties would be divided between two districts and also approved a request by Senator John W. Holmdahl (D-Oakland) to change the lines of the southern Alameda-Santa Clara Counties' district so that most of Hayward would be within one district. Here is the outline of the new senatorial districts as finally approved:

1. Lake, Siskiyou, Del Norte, Humboldt, Trinity, Modoc, and Sonoma.
2. Shasta, Tehama, Butte, Glenn, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, Yolo, and part of Solano (Dixon).
3. Modoc, Lassen, Plumas, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, Amador, Alpine, Calaveras, Tuolumne, and Stanislaus.
4. Marin, parts of Napa and Solano (except Dixon).

tomatoes and tomato products as was reported in the Newsletter last April 16 when the growers were claiming the cuts were due to fears of a labor shortage.

Next year, the governor said, "it is unlikely that any braceros will be needed in California, and I am informed that the tomato harvest will be accomplished entirely by domestic labor in combination with mechanical harvesters."

This year about 260 mechanical harvesters were employed in the tomato harvest. Next year it is estimated there will be about 750. One machine with 20 workers can harvest between 150 to 200 acres. It takes about 100 farm workers to harvest the same acreage by hand.

5. Part of Sacramento.
6. San Joaquin, part of Sacramento.
7. Contra Costa.
8. Part of Alameda
9. San Francisco
10. San Francisco
11. Part of Alameda
12. San Mateo
13. Parts of Alameda and Santa Clara
14. Part of Santa Clara
15. Merced, Mariposa, Madera, Mono, Inyo, Tulare, and part of Fresno.
16. Part of Fresno
17. Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey and San Luis Obispo.
18. Kings and Kern Counties
19. Santa Barbara and Ventura
20. Part of San Bernardino
21. Through 34 -- Los Angeles
35. Parts of Los Angeles and Orange
36. Riverside and part of San Bernardino
37. Part of Orange
38. Part of San Diego
39. Part of San Diego
40. Imperial and Part of San Diego

The overall effect of the measure will be to give the eight counties in southern California which now have eight Senate seats, a total of 22 or a majority plus one of the 40-seat upper house.

The two Senators from San Diego will be elected from separate districts.

In the lower house the Assembly had adopted its own redistricting bill on October 7 by a 58 to 18 vote. No at large elections will be required and nearly all Assembly incumbents will be protected with little change seen likely in the present balance of 49 Democrats and 31 Republicans.

Although the Assembly bill adjusts 19 of the districts in Los Angeles County, Los Angeles will continue to have 31 assemblymen. San Bernardino County will have two assemblymen, Orange County three and another district will encompass the northeast part of Orange County and the southwest corner of San Bernardino County.

In San Francisco, Republican Assemblyman Milton Marks is scheduled to lose his seat since San Francisco is to be reduced from five to four assemblymen. But Marks has already been assured a municipal court post.

At present only 11 percent of the population can elect a majority to the State Senate.

The new redistricting measure meets the standard set by the state Supreme Court that no district deviate more than 15 percent in population and will require the vote of at least 48.9 percent of the state's population to elect a majority to the senate.