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Add Another Item to Ron's Little (?) List

Urban renewal, the joint federal-state-local effort to clear out slums and create more jobs and better housing accommodations in the process, was added to the growing list of programs disapproved by Republican gubernatorial candidate Ronald Reagan this week.

In answer to a question following a speech at the University of Southern California on Tuesday, the actor, who has flip-flopped from the extreme left to the extreme right politically, said he has been opposed to urban renewal "for some time."

In almost the same breath, the candidate complained that

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School Bonds On June 7 Ballot

A measure calling for a \$275 million school construction bond issue to be placed on the June 7 primary ballot was approved by the legislature and signed by Governor Edmund G. Brown this week.

In signing the bond issue measure, Governor Edmund G. Brown said that he would be asking "California voters wherever I go to give this bond issue their full support."

He pointed out that under the state's school bond program, the state has loaned \$1,329,640,269 to school districts around the state which have used the funds to build 41,662 classrooms.

"These classrooms have meant adequate space for 1,367,786 California youngsters. Without the loan program many of these

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State AFL-CIO Summer School Planned July 10-15

Plans for a week-long California Labor Summer School to be held at the University of California Campus at Santa Barbara from Sunday, July 10 through Friday, July 15 were announced today by state AFL-CIO leader Thos. L. Pitts. Geared in part to the general election next November, the theme for the school

will be "The California Labor Movement—Challenges and Issues in 1966." In addition, the school's program will focus on the changing role of central labor bodies throughout the state.

"Scheduling of the Summer School this year during the lull before the general election campaign starts to roll," Pitts said, "provides an opportunity for all participants to nail down in concrete terms the vital links between organized labor's legislative and political efforts."

The basic issues involved in the 1966 elections will be outlined during the first general session on Monday morning. Other topics to be taken up during morning sessions throughout the week include: New Horizons in Education resulting from Federal Legislation on Tuesday; Urban Poverty Action

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State's Jobless Rate Drops to Six-Year Low

Unemployment in California dropped a full percentage point from 5.9 percent in March 1965 to 4.9 percent last month as the spring expansion in employment reduced the ranks of the jobless from 452,000 in February to 411,000 in March.

This was the first time the state's seasonally adjusted jobless rate has dropped below 5 percent since the beginning of 1960.

Last February the seasonally adjusted rate was 5.1 percent, indicating an over-the-month

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Program for Labor Reps. Slated at Forum on U. I. Problems

Union representatives who want to learn "the tricks of the trade" in protecting their members on unemployment insurance problems will have a special opportunity to do so at a conference to be held in conjunction with the 13th Annual Forum of the Administrative Referees Association.

The ARA, an organization composed of referees of the California Unemployment Insur-

ance Appeals Board, is inviting labor and management representatives to the conference to be held May 27-28 at the Hacienda Motel in Fresno.

A labor caucus will open at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 26, to discuss common problems in unemployment insurance.

In the interest of increasing union participation in this important forum, State AFL-CIO leader Thos. L. Pitts this week sent a notification of the forum

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Get Orders In Now for COPE Pamphlets

All AFL-CIO affiliates in the State are urged to get their orders in as fast as possible for the official Primary Election Pamphlet to be made available free from the California Labor Council on Political Education.

Notice of the availability of the attractively designed, green

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Fed Convention To Be Held One Week Early

By authorization of the Executive Council, the Sixth Biennial Convention of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, will be held one week early starting August 8, 1966 instead of August 15, 1966, State AFL-CIO leader Thos. L. Pitts announced this week.

The action was taken by the Executive Council due to the lack of adequate convention facilities during the third week of August in San Diego, the site chosen for this year's convention at the last convention which was held in San Francisco in 1964.

Official notice of the date change will be contained in the convention call to be mailed out 60 days prior to the convention.

But Pitts said he wanted to give all advance notice possible to delegates to help them plan their attendance at other meetings and their vacations without conflict.

Authority for changing the date of the convention is spelled out in Section 2 of Article XV of the Federation's Constitution.

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rate decline of .2 percent.

The state reports, prepared by the Departments of Industrial Relations and Employment, disclosed that employment last month, at 6,937,000 exceeded any previous March and was some 303,000 jobs higher than the year-ago level.

This indicates a job growth rate over the year of 4.6 percent.

Nearly half of the March-to-March job growth was attributed to increases in manufacturing and government. In manufacturing, job growth in the aircraft and electronics industries was most notable. In government, much of the increase was attributed to public school staffs, anti-poverty programs, and federal defense activities.

The aerospace complex has now gained back all but about 9,000 of the some 56,000 jobs lost during the 1963-64 slump, the report said.

Except for the construction industry where joblessness remained high and at about the same level as in March 1965, the year-to-year decrease of 61,000 in unemployment was spread throughout all industry groups.

The state's civilian labor force, comprised of the employed and the unemployed available for and seeking work, totalled 7,348,000 in March, 242,000 more than a year earlier.

3 MILLION JOBLESS

On the national level, unemployment rose from 3.7 percent in February to 3.8 percent in March, reflecting a jobless total of 3 million.

But a 520,000 increase in non-farm jobs last month, which included more than seasonal increases in manufacturing and construction, resulted in the largest job gain for the month since 1950.

The federal report also disclosed a seasonal increase of two-tenths of an hour in the workweek, bringing the average

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and the labor caucus to all central bodies and state councils. Registration forms for both the labor caucus and the forum were included.

The forum itself will commence with a luncheon on Friday, May 27 and conclude on Saturday, May 28.

While the program for the forum is not yet complete, a partial list of subjects to be discussed include: The Federal Unemployment Insurance Program; The Overlaps in Unemployment Insurance, Disability Insurance and Workmens' Compensation; "Good Faith" Employment; and Problems of Proof at Hearings.

In addition to speakers at each of the meal meetings, receptions will be held to give all

participants and guests an opportunity for informal discussions with speakers, panelists and members of the Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board and its referees.

Reservations for the Labor Unemployment Insurance Caucus should be directed to Miss Marilyn Grace, Box 770, Hollywood, California 90028.

Reservations for the ARA Forum itself, which, including meals, cost \$25, should be sent to Mr. S. R. Lending, Administrative Referee Association, 440 West Anaheim Street, Long Beach, California 90813.

There is no registration fee for the Labor Caucus.

Although a block of rooms has been set aside at the Hacienda Motel, all participants and guests must make their own room reservations.

overtime to 3.9 hours a week, the highest overtime figure for the month in a decade.

The nation's civilian labor force climbed 1.2 million during the first quarter of this year to 74.8 million.

Included in the 3 million jobless nationally last month were 1.4 million adult men, 900,000 women and 750,000 teenagers. Nearly half of the teenagers, however, were in school and seeking only part-time work.

About one in five of the nation's unemployed last month were non-whites — a total of more than 600,000. Their jobless rate climbed over the month from 7 percent to 7.2 percent, but was 1.4 percent below the level in March 1965.

Long term unemployment, at 750,000, last month was at its lowest level since 1957.

In Los Angeles, total employment, at 2,854,100, was 113,500 or 4.1 percent higher than a year earlier and unemployment, at 145,000, was 31,500 below March 1965.

The increase in employment, the largest year-to-year rise in more than six years was attributed principally to renewed hiring in aerospace and electron-

ics industries and expansion in service, government and trade employment.

Unlike the national scene where construction employment rose by 150,000 to 3 million or double the expected seasonal rise, employment in both construction and agriculture in Los Angeles were lower than in the same month last year. The seasonally adjusted jobless rate in Los Angeles County dropped from 4.7 percent in February to 4.6 in March, some 1.1 percent below the 5.7 percent rate posted in March 1965.

In the San Francisco Bay Area, unemployment at 61,200 in March was as low as any month in the last eight years, and employment at 1,238,500 was 42,600 or 3.6 percent above a year ago.

The seasonally adjusted jobless rate in the Bay Area last month was 4.3 percent. A month earlier it had been 4.4 percent, and in March 1965, when 70,400 were jobless, it was 5.1 percent. The 4.3 percent rate marked the seventh consecutive month that the jobless rate in the five-county Bay Area was below 5.0 percent.

Signup Period For Medicare Is Extended

More than 100,000 senior citizens in California — the estimated number who have not yet signed up for the \$3-a-month doctor bill insurance program under the Medicare Act passed last year—were given a second chance last week when President Johnson signed a measure extending the signup period for two months.

The original deadline expired March 31.

The extension legislation contained two amendments that assure belated signers of eligibility for benefits beginning July 1, 1966 and make it easier for public welfare agencies to enroll welfare recipients who receive social security benefits.

Those who fail to enroll by May 31 will be unable to enroll again until October 1967 when they may have to pay a higher premium and will be ineligible for benefits until July 1968.

Originally the medicare bill as passed last year provided that persons 65 years or older by January 1, 1966 must have signed up for the voluntary coverage by March 31 of this year. Those reaching 65 after that date may enroll during the three months before or the three months after their birthday.

The \$3 monthly premium provides insurance coverage for about 80 percent of annual doctor bills and certain related expenses.

Of the 19.1 million senior citizens estimated to be eligible for coverage by the Social Security Administration, some 16.8 million have signed up and only one million have definitely turned the opportunity down.

The SSA estimates that some 1.3 million eligible senior citizens nationally have yet either to be informed of their option or to make up their minds.

Union members are urged to check with their parents and elderly friends and neighbors to make sure that any senior citizens who failed to meet the March 31 deadline know that they have another chance now to enroll for the doctor bill coverage.

Candidate Hit As 'Worst Mayor' in U.S.

A former Inspector General of the Office of Economic Opportunity last week described Democratic gubernatorial hopeful Mayor Sam Yorty of Los Angeles as "the worst mayor in the United States" and charged Yorty with being "the cause that there are very little OEO funds in Los Angeles."

Asserting that Yorty "is vicious, vindictive and irresponsible," William F. Haddad, lecturing at the University of California at Riverside on "The Politics of Urban Upheaval," said Yorty was in the forefront of mayors who played politics with foes of Johnson's war on poverty.

One of the major aspects of the poverty war, he explained, was that the poor themselves be given maximum feasible participation in the planning and execution of the project.

"But," Haddad charged, "the mayors of large cities and congressmen brought pressures on Sargent Shriver to delete this because it meant sharing political power with the poor."

"Yorty is still a major detriment to the program in the United States," he stated.

Strike Activity Shows Decline

Strike activity in January was under that of January 1965 by every count, according to the Labor Department.

Lost time amounted to 1 million man-days compared to 1.8 million a year earlier, the department's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. The 205 stoppages that began during the month contrasted with 260 that started in January 1965. Involved were 101,000 workers compared with 107,000 a year earlier. Strikes that continued from December raised the respective totals to 127,000 and 188,000, the report showed.

The percentage of estimated working time lost dropped from 18 one-hundredths of 1 percent in January 1965 to 9 one-hundredths of 1 percent the past January.

State AFL-CIO Summer School Set in Santa Barbara July 10-15

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Programs supported by Labor on Wednesday; The Cause of the Working Poor in Rural California on Thursday; and Medicare and Social Insurance on Friday.

Afternoon sessions at the school will be devoted to workshop sessions which will concentrate upon the following more specialized problems: Collective Bargaining Pressures and New Developments; Labor Law—New Developments for Organizing, Collective Bargaining, and Contract Enforcement.

Other topics to be taken up include: Central Bodies Today; Implementing Labor Movement Goals; Civil Rights and Full Employment Programs; Union Label; Consumer Education;

Community Service; and Anti-Poverty Programs.

Registration for the school, which is part of the State AFL-CIO's continuing expansion of educational activities, costs \$87.50 for a single and \$82.50 each for double accommodations. The registration fee covers meals, room and instructional materials.

Although the Summer School is open to all union members, it is particularly designed to provide education and training facilities for smaller national and international unions, district councils, or local unions that cannot provide such programs by themselves.

Registration forms and other general information about the Summer School are being dispatched to all Federation affiliates.

Participants are asked to check in at Santa Rosa Hall on the Santa Barbara Campus by 4:00 p.m. Sunday, July 10. Sunday dinner is scheduled at 5:30 p.m., and a general orientation session for the week-long program plus a special film feature is scheduled at 7:30 p.m.

The program for the California AFL-CIO Summer School has been developed in cooperation with the Centers for Labor Research and Education at the University of California at Berkeley and Los Angeles and with the AFL-CIO's Department of Education in Washington, D.C.

Senate Rejects Dirksen Amendment

The U.S. Senate this week rejected a conservative attempt to overthrow the U.S. Supreme Court's one-man, one-vote decision by seven votes.

The roll call on the constitutional amendment being pushed by Senator Everett M. Dirksen (R-Illinois) which would repudiate the court's June 15, 1964 decision by authorizing states to take factors other than population into consideration in apportioning one House of state legislatures, produced a 55 to 38 vote. This was seven votes shy of the two-thirds majority needed for approval.

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urban renewal has "fallen far short of its intended goals" and objected that "it has bypassed the laws of eminent domain."

Reagan, who has never had any experience in any public office and who concedes that his views haven't changed since he backed Senator Barry Goldwater in the 1964 campaign, has in recent months revealed, albeit haltingly, that he:

—Opposes federal action to spur job opportunities in areas like Watts, holding to the view that such problems could best be solved by mobilizing industrialists and the people themselves to do the job.

—Believes in "exploring" the idea of charging tuition in California's public universities.

—Opposes repeal of Section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Act, which was recognized at the time of its enactment as such a reactionary bit of anti-labor legislation that its enactment was opposed by the late Republican Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio.

—Would have voted against the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which Senator Kuchel called the greatest domestic accomplishment of the 88th Congress and,

—Has repeatedly refused or avoided any public repudiation of John Birch Society support. Enough said?

Voter Signup June 7 May Total 7,850,000

Voter registration for the June 7 primary is expected to total 7,850,000, about 10 percent above the 1964 primary registration, the Secretary of State's office said last week.

California's chief election officer also predicted that the June 7 vote might go as high as 68 percent of the registration. In 1964 the primary vote was just under 72 percent of those registered.

As of January, 1966, a total of 7,418,314 California voters were registered with Democrats holding a 3 to 2 edge.

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and white pamphlet was sent to all affiliates this week by Thos. L. Pitts, Secretary-Treasurer of the State COPE.

To meet the needs of the various regions of the State, the pamphlet is available in 10 variations.

The sample sent out this week was the Statewide pamphlet which carries pictures of all Statewide candidates enjoying COPE's endorsement. On two of the inside panels it lists all COPE-endorsed candidates for congress, the State Senate, the State Assembly and the State Board of Equalization.

All variations of the pamphlet will include the pictures of Governor Edmund G. Brown and other COPE-endorsed statewide candidates, namely, Glenn M. Anderson for Lieutenant-Governor, Thomas C. Lynch for Attorney-General, Alan Cranston for State Controller and Bert Betts for Secretary-Treasurer.

In commenting on Governor Brown's accomplishments, the pamphlet observes:

"Under Governor Edmund G. Brown's progressive leadership, California has led the nation during the 1960s in the number of new jobs created every year.

"Despite the State's unprecedented population growth, unemployment has been reduced and significant progress has been made in more adequately meeting the needs of the people without any increase in taxes.

"As a constructive compassionate forward-looking public servant, Governor Brown's administration has compiled a record that reflects a recognition of the needs of the whole community—one of which Californians may be justly proud.

"To continue this progress—to avert a potentially disastrous reversal—the re-election of Governor Edmund G. Brown is clearly essential."

The only difference in the other nine variations of the pamphlet is that two of the inside panels are devoted to giving more space to regional Congressional, State Senate and

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This breakdown provides specific coverage for 41 of the State's 58 Counties. The State-

\$275 Million Bond Issue on June 7 Ballot

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young people would be on double session or would have the classrooms they need only at the expense of still higher property tax increases."

In the 14-year history of the loan program, the Governor added, Los Angeles County has received a major portion of the funds, with Orange County second. Together, these two counties received \$791 million to build 15,325 classrooms, he noted.

The measure, which required a two-thirds vote of both houses of the legislature, drew only two dissenting votes in the Senate and won unanimous passage by the Assembly.

It will require a majority vote for passage at the June 7 primary.

The measure, (AB 100) earmarks \$240 million to be used to aid school districts in acquiring land and constructing and acquiring buildings, facilities and equipment for school purposes.

The additional \$35 million, earmarked for impoverished areas, would be spent either to buy portable classrooms, renovate existing facilities, acquire land for school sites or for construction of permanent buildings.

Of the funds made available through the bond issue, 50 per cent would be an outright grant and the other 50 per cent would be repaid to the state over a 30-year period by the school district that applied for the funds.

wide pamphlet is designed to serve those Counties not included in any of the regional variations.

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