



California

AFL-CIO

THOS. L. PITTS 151
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Published weekly by Call
995 Market Street, San Francisco
Postage Paid at San Francisco

MAY 20 1966

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
BERKELEY

May 20, 1966
Vol. 8—No. 20

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS LIBRARY
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
BERKELEY CALIF 94704

More Aid Urged To Help Win Farm Fight

A call for "redoubled efforts to help organize farm workers" was dispatched to AFL-CIO unions throughout California this week by State AFL-CIO leader Thos. L. Pitts.

The letter, containing an appeal to all affiliates to contribute five cents per member per month for the next three months to the farm workers' cause, emphasized that the unionization of farm workers can be achieved only if more effort and money can be mobilized for the struggle.

"The necessary financial support," Pitts said, "must come from the California labor movement because we are the most intimately involved and this state is where the greatest effort, past and present, is being made."

Checks for this crucial organizing effort should be made payable to the Farm Workers' Organizing Assistance Fund, and sent to the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, at 995 Market Street, San Francisco 94103.

All funds collected will be
(Continued on Page 4)

Medical Advisory Panel Named

Appointment of a seven-member medical advisory committee which, among other things, will suggest standards for improving the care furnished for workers hurt on the job, was announced this week by Thomas M. Saunders, Administrative Director of the Division of Industrial Accidents.

Named to serve on the committee for up to two-year terms are Drs. Allan J. Enelow; Geo.

(Continued on Page 3)

Do You Rate A DI Refund?

Are you eligible for a disability insurance refund this year?

If you are, be sure to get your refund claim in by June 30, 1966. That's the deadline.

The refund claim form is more complex this year because the 1965 legislature enacted a stopgap measure to restore the disability insurance fund's solvency by boosting the disability insurance premium from 1 percent to 1.1 percent for the period from August 1 through December 31, 1965.

This means that your employer was required to withhold 1 percent of the first \$5,600 in
(Continued on Page 2)

Jobless Rate Drops to 4.6%

California's unemployment rate dropped to 4.6 percent, its lowest level in more than six and a half years, and employment rose to 7,015,000, indicating some 330,000 more people at work last month than a year earlier, Governor Edmund G.

(Continued on Page 2)

Deadline For Absent Voter Ballots Barely 1 Week Away

"The deadline for applying for absent voter ballots is just a week of working days away," Thos. L. Pitts reminded union members throughout the state today.

He urged all trade unionists who have any reason to believe that they may—just MAY—be unable to get to their polling place on election day to apply for an absentee voter's ballot immediately.

(Continued on Page 3)

Wire Now To Urge FLSA Bill OK

An alert to all affiliates to wire or phone their congressman immediately to urge support for one of labor's highest priority measures—the Dent-Bell minimum wage bill—as approved by the House Labor Committee, was sent out this week by state AFL-CIO leader Thos. L. Pitts.

Warning that employer organizations have launched a massive campaign to weaken the bill, Pitts emphasized that it was vital for affiliates to urge their congressmen to oppose all amendments to the measure, H.R. 13712.

Action on the long-delayed bill to update the Fair Labor Standards Act, which had been scheduled to be brought to the floor this week, is now expected next week.

Pitts' message was sent to Federation affiliates Wednesday, the same day word was received from AFL-CIO President George Meany that action was imminent on the bill.

The measure, a key weapon in the war on poverty, received strong bipartisan support in the House Labor Committee and won a clearance by the Rules

(Continued on Page 4)

5 Committees Set Up To Aid Candidates

Formation of five statewide labor committees to press for the re-election of Governor Edmund G. Brown and each of the four other COPE-endorsed candidates for statewide offices was announced this week by Thos. L. Pitts, Secretary-Treasurer of the California Labor Council on Political Education, the state AFL-CIO's political arm.

The committees, comprising a broad cross section of California's key state and county labor officials, will help coordinate COPE's educational and get-out-the-vote efforts for the June 7 primary election, Pitts explained.

Emphasizing the need for a strong turnout for Governor Brown and COPE's other endorsed candidates on June 7, the state AFL-CIO leader declared:

"Governor Brown and the present state administration have demonstrated a capability to generate the steady forward progress California needs to create the jobs and provide the schools, highways and other services our burgeoning population requires. And he has achieved this progress within a framework of responsibility and concern for all segments of our society."

(Continued on Page 4)

State and U.S. Jobless Rates Drop Again

(Continued from Page 1)
Brown announced late last week.

The state's substantially improved unemployment picture narrowed the gap between the state and U.S. jobless rates. The national rate edged downward one-tenth of one percent from 3.8 percent in March to 3.7 percent in April, the lowest rate nationally since November 1953.

The Governor also disclosed that revised projections by the state Department of Finance indicate that unemployment will drop to a nine-year low this year and that employment is expected to total 7.1 million.

Emphasizing that these figures are not just "dreamed up by some political campaign economist" but are the projections of career civil servants who performed the same tasks for Republican Governors Warren and Knight and that their margin of error has been less than one percent, the Governor declared:

"Despite this state's population increase, despite the fact that well over a million and a half new workers have been added to the labor force since 1957, there will actually be fewer unemployed (this year) than at any time in nine years."

The projections, revised every year at this time since 1959, now indicate that unemployment in the state is expected to range between 350,000 to 375,000, "down impressively from the 429,000 average of last year," the Governor said.

On the national level, the 3.7 percent April rate reflected a steady decline from the 4.8 percent level of April 1965 and from the 5.3 percent level of April 1964.

Numerically, this meant that the ranks of the nation's unemployed decreased 200,000 to a total of 2.8 million last month, some 750,000 less than in April 1965. About 2.3 million of the total jobless nationally were seeking full-time work. The rest were looking for part-time jobs, the Labor Department said. It also disclosed that 1.1 million of those jobless were adult

Deadline on DI Refunds Nears

(Continued from Page 1)

wages paid between January 1 and July 31, 1965 for disability insurance. Workers may claim a refund for any amount in excess of \$56 during that period.

Workers may also claim a refund of all disability insurance taxes paid in excess of \$81.40 (1.1 percent of \$7,400) during the period August thru

men, some 840,000 were women and 860,000 were teenagers.

But the jobless rate for adult men declined by 300,000 over the month—100,000 more than is seasonally usual, resulting in a dip in the jobless rate for adult men from 2.6 percent to 2.4 percent, its lowest level in more than four years.

For the long-term unemployed—those jobless for 15 weeks or more—there was no over-the-month improvement although the total of 800,000 last month was a quarter of a million less than a year earlier.

And the non-white jobless rate of 7 percent—reflecting 550,000 jobless last month was still nearly twice the jobless rate for white workers.

The increase in employment and the dip in unemployment took place in a civilian labor force which rose more than 800,000 to 75,060,000.

In Los Angeles County, unemployment dropped to 131,600 last month, its lowest level in six years and total employment climbed to 2,870,900. The County's seasonally adjusted jobless rate, at 4.6 percent in April, was the same as a month earlier but well below the 6.0 percent rate posted in April 1965.

Total employment, at 2,870,900, rose 119,300, or 4.3 percent during the past year, the largest year-to-year gain since January 1960. With employment in the aerospace industries up 35,100 over the year, this industry has now regained all of the jobs lost in the 1963-64 downturn.

The County's 131,600 jobless figure was 13,800 less than a month earlier and 35,900 below April 1965. It also marked the ninth straight month that the County's unemployment figure has been less than the year-earlier level.

In the San Francisco area, the 4.1 percent jobless rate last

December 31, 1965.

The proper deduction for disability insurance before and after July 1, 1965, could have ranged between \$56.10 and \$81.39. If you paid more than this, it is worth investigating to see if you are eligible for a refund. Claim forms are available at any State Department of Employment office.

month was two-tenths of one percent below the March 1966 figure of 4.3 percent when 61,200 were jobless and nearly a full percentage point below the 5.2 percent rate recorded in April 1965. Unemployment in the area at 52,300 was 8,900 less than a month earlier and 11,800 less than in April 1965.

Employment on the other hand, at 1,247,700, was 46,800 or 3.9 percent higher than a year ago, and 8,600 higher than the previous month.

A Book for Shop Stewards

If you are your union's shop steward how do you handle "the foreman who is never wrong" or hotheads within your own membership, or right-wing extremists that give you a hard time?

Some fairly sound suggestions on these and 37 other workaday human relations problems encountered by stewards are provided in a 120-page book titled "Talks with Stewards."

The book, written by Terrence F. Connors, assistant professor of Education of the Labor Education and Research Center at Indiana University, focuses principally on one of the common ingredients of all grievances: people.

And, while not offering any pat solutions to any of the problems raised, most of its 40 chapters offer some psychological insights to common problems confronting union stewards that could help easy particular situations and at the same time give the steward a sense of satisfaction in handling his job.

Copies of the booklet may be obtained from Professor Connors at 201 Owen Hall, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana for \$1.

'Portability' of Pensions Still Lacking

The need for a system of "portable pensions" to permit workers changing jobs to transfer their pension credits was brought to the attention of a Senate-House Economic Subcommittee studying private pension arrangements last week by U.S. Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz.

Wirtz pointed out that millions of U.S. workers now covered by private pension plans will probably never receive any benefits from them.

The Subcommittee has taken a special interest in provisions through which employees covered by pension plans may retain some rights to future benefits even if they change jobs or quit prior to retirement age.

The Labor Secretary supported the committee's interest in such provisions by pointing out that, at present, the lack of such provisions threatens the retirement security of the worker whose job is suddenly automated out of existence. This is because, under some plans, pension rights workers may have been accumulating for years can be simply swept away.

Private retirement plans now cover about 25 million employees, Wirtz estimated, a number that probably will increase to 34 million by 1970.

Some 2.5 million persons are currently receiving benefits, he said, and this number is expected to rise to about 7 million by 1980.

"But these figures have perhaps less significance than the unknown numbers—possibly even larger—of men and women who are now covered by such plans but who will not receive benefits under them," Wirtz warned.

He called the committee's attention to the fact that a presidential committee on private pension funds suggested the "portable pension" proposal some time ago and also suggested an insurance arrangement to protect employees against the risks that the plan might end through business failure or other unforeseen circumstances without the capability of meeting its obligations.

Taking A Look at the California Labor Federation's New Offices

Pitts Leads Executive Council On Tour of State Headquarters

More than a dozen members of the California Labor Federation's Executive Council dropped by for their first look at the Federation's new offices last week in response to an invitation from Secretary-Treasurer Thos. L. Pitts at the conclusion of a council meeting at the Jack Tar Hotel.

The Federation moved from the eighth floor to the third floor at 995 Market Street last November 29 to accommodate its expanding staff which had long been cramped for space.

The move more than doubled the Federation's floor space from 2800 square feet to 5830 square feet and, by eliminating the doubling up of departments in a single office, has significantly improved the Federation's capability to serve its affiliates.

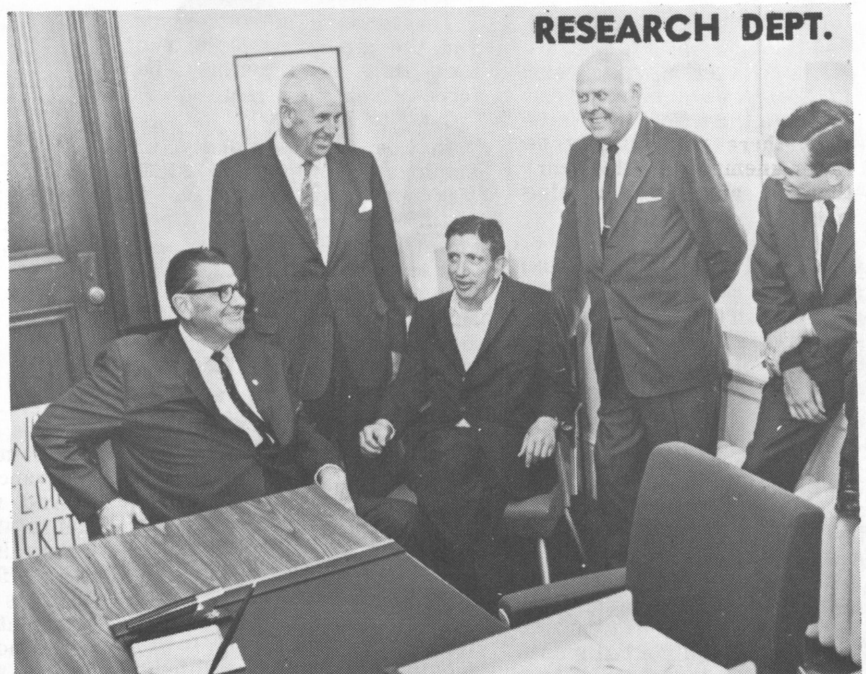
The pictures on this and the next three pages highlight the bright, well appointed offices that now make it easier to get things done.



SECRETARY-TREASURER'S OFFICE
GETTING SET FOR A TOUR of the California Labor Federation's new offices in San Francisco, some of the members of the state AFL-CIO's 37-man governing board discuss the turmoils of moving with the Federation's executive officer, Thos. L. Pitts in his office. On hand (from left) are Vice Presidents: W. L. Fillippini of the Santa Barbara Building and Construction Trades Council; Joe Seymour of Operating Engineers Local 12, Los Angeles; General Vice President Manuel Dias; Fred D. Fletcher, Executive Secretary of the San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild; and (seated right) Federation President Albin J. Gruhn.



PASSING THE WORD on the Executive Council's visit to the Federation's charming receptionist Anna Marie Seiden (at left), Pitts is pictured here with his private secretary Ferne A. Keys.



RESEARCH DEPT.
DIGGING UP THE FACTS AND FIGURES to prove the need for much of the labor and public-interest legislation the state AFL-CIO fights for is the task that falls to Research Director Mike Peevey (at right). Visiting his office, which is about 50 yards or half the length of a football field from the reception area, are (from left), Vice Presidents Max J. Osslo, of the Western Federation of Butchers; Chris Amadio, of Machinists Lodge 1327; Morris Weisberger of the Sailors Union of the Pacific; and Pitts.



GENERAL VICE PRESIDENT

GENERAL VICE PRESIDENT Manuel Dias is joined in his office by Pitts and Vice Presidents Herbert Wilson of the United Rubber Workers Local 44, William G. (Jerry) Dowd, International Representative for the Operating Engineers, and Harry W. Hansen of Machinist Lodge 540.



PUBLIC RELATIONS

GROUPED AROUND the state AFL-CIO's Director of Public Relations Harry Finks are Pitts and Vice Presidents Harry W. Hansen of Machinist Lodge 540, Herbert H. Wilson of United Rubber Workers Local 44, and William G. Dowd, International Representative for the Operating Engineers.



PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

IN THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE Fred D. Fletcher, of the Newspaper Guild (right) relaxes in one of the comfortable stuffed chairs that replaced some of the Federation's battered old furnishings as he chats with President Albin J. Gruhn. The move resulted in a clean sweep of the old furnishings with new desks, chairs, tables and other working facilities for the entire staff.



VETERAN LABOR UNION ORGANIZER Curtis A. Hyans (right) who has served the Federation for more than a quarter of a century, is shown here with Pitts and Finks.



LINED UP in one of the alcoves of the Federation's new library, Vice Presidents Stanley Lathen of the Retail Clerks, Max Osslo of the Western Federation of Butchers, Secretary Pitts, and Vice Presidents Bob Ash of the Alameda County Central Labor Council, Morris Weisberger of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, and Chris Amadio of the Machinists discuss the vital uses of a library for the labor movement.

KEEPING THINGS STRAIGHT in an organization that draws its strength from the voluntary affiliation of hundreds of local unions, central bodies and district councils, large and small, throughout the state, is no small task. But the Federation's Accounting and Bookkeeping Offices (at right and left respectively below) manage to do just that. Flanking Accountant Charles A. Hines, Jr. are Rose Doyle and Dorothy Polletta. In the photo at left below, Pitts checks over the books with Bookkeeper David M. Boring, who also doubles as paymaster.

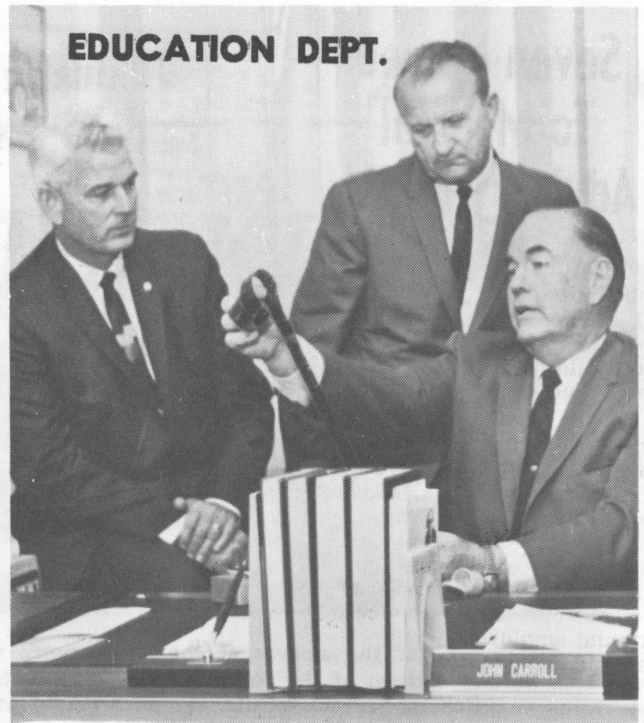


PROJECT POLITICAL ACTION keeps Assistant State COPE Director Fred C. Smith (left) on the go nearly all year round. Discussing the current election outlook with him are (from left) President Gruhn, General Vice President Dias, and Pitts.





VICE PRESIDENT GORDON A. McCULLOCH, secretary - treasurer of the Los Angeles County District Council of Carpenters (left), is shown here discussing labor problems with the Federation's general counsel, Charles P. Scully, and Pitts. The Federation participates in court actions involving labor's fundamental interests.



DEVELOPMENT OF AUDIO VISUAL AIDS for labor education is one of the current projects concerning John Carroll, the Federation's Director of Education. Here he holds up a film strip as (from left) Vice Presidents Joe Seymour and Gerry Conway look on. Among other educational activities sponsored by the state AFL-CIO is an annual week-long Summer School at the University of California at Santa Barbara.



SNAPPED BROWSING in another alcove of the library were Vice Presidents G. J. Conway of the United Steelworkers and Morris Weisberger of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific. The move more than doubled the effective space for the library which is available to service affiliates as well as the Federation's staff.



BREAD AND BUTTER ISSUES for all workers are the protections we're entitled to through social insurance when we're laid off in a recession or laid up by an injury or illness whether job connected or not. Clinton F. Fair, the Federation's Director of Social Insurance, an expert in this field (seated at right), banters with (from left) Vice President Bob Ash, secretary-treasurer of the Alameda County Central Labor Council, Pitts, and Vice President Stanley Lathen of the Retail Clerks.

Seven Named To Medical Advisory Panel

(Continued from Page 1)

C. Griffith; Thomas Gucker, III, and William R. Williams, Jr., all of Los Angeles, and Drs. Howard A. Brown, Robert S. Hockwald and A. B. Sirbu of San Francisco.

These physicians represent the major medical specialists concerned with the treatment of industrial injuries, Saunders said.

Their selection was determined only after consultations with medical associations as well as representatives of workers and employers in the interests of assuring a committee with geographical, specialty, and philosophical balance, he explained.

The medical advisory committee was established by the 1965 legislature to assist the state's workmen's compensation agency in its liaison with the medical profession and in the selection of medical examiners as well as to suggest standards for improving care provided for industrially injured workers and to give advice on medical treatment fees and other related matters.

In the course of two conferences in Los Angeles and San Francisco early in January called to explain the procedures and functioning of the new DIA, Saunders emphasized that the Medical Advisory Committee (M.A.C.) was just what its name said it was—an advisory committee—and that, as administrative director, he would feel free after consulting with it to accept or reject its advice.

The primary aims of the legislation establishing the M.A.C., AB 2023 which was backed by the California Labor Federation, was to separate the administrative and judicial functions of the state's workmen's compensation program to speed up the payment of injury claims and to assure workers hurt on the job that they get all of the benefits they are entitled to under the law.

Here's a brief background note on each of the doctors named to the panel:

Dr. Enelow—(M.D. University of

Deadline For Absent Voter Ballots Barely 1 Week Away

(Continued from Page 1)

are registered. So far as specific reasons go, perhaps you expect to be on vacation or working out of town and unable to return in time to vote.

Pitts pointed out that, traditionally, anti-labor conservative elements take more advantage of the absentee ballot opportunity than do trade unionists and other liberal forces.

"In fact, it has been estimated," he said, "that the absentee ballot vote is often two to one against a moderate or liberal candidate."

To end this tradition, he urged any trade unionist who has the slightest doubt about being able to get to the polls on Tuesday, June 7, to write a letter along the following lines:

"I, (name of voter) am a registered voter in (name of county) county. The address at which I am registered is (street and city or town). I expect to be absent from my

election precinct on election day and therefore request that an absent voter's ballot be sent to me at (address to which ballot is to be sent).

**Yours truly,
(signature of voter.)"**

All absent voter ballots must be marked and received back in the County Clerk's office by 5 p.m. June 6, the day before the primary election.

Pitts urged local union officials to make it clear to their members that applicants for absent voter ballots need not necessarily BE absent from their precinct on election day, but need only to EXPECT to be absent in order to request an absentee ballot.

"It is not a crime to vote by absentee ballot and then find that, contrary to your expectations, you would have been able to vote at the polls in your precinct on election day. The ultra-conservative voters know this and take advantage of it. It's time for us to do the same to balance the scales a little bit," he said.

Court Rules Out Judicial Appeal On Labor Policy

The Supreme Court has left standing a lower court ruling that federal employee unions may not appeal to the courts to upset decisions made under Executive Order 10988, the basic labor policy in the federal service.

The Supreme Court refused to review the decision of a lower federal court in a case brought by a postal employee union. The postal union had challenged the Post Office Department's right to require that at least 60 percent of the eligible employees must vote in order to have a valid bargaining election under the government's labor relations policy.

In effect, the lower court held that the operation of Executive Order 10988 is an administrative matter and disputes arising under it cannot be appealed through the courts.

Right Wing Hit as Threat To Progress

"Many of the same financial resources that were behind the 1958 right-to-work drive are today subsidizing the radical right."

Governor Edmund G. Brown issued this warning recently in a speech in which he declared that "the greatest danger to our continued progress comes . . . from the fanatical right, from infiltration of the P-TA and our educational system down to attempted dominance of one of our great political parties.

"Let me make it clear: I solicit no support, seek no accommodation with either the radical right or the radical left. Both stand for philosophies which are alien to democratic concepts.

"Both seek refuge in simple answers because they are unable to cope with the complexities of democracy. Both seek refuge in authoritarianism because they scorn concern for the people's welfare.

"This is not the way of the labor movement. Nor is it the way of the Democratic Party or of my administration," the Governor said.

Natl. Convention Proceedings Now Available

Copies of the official proceedings of the 6th AFL-CIO Convention held in San Francisco last December and a 192-page book containing the policy resolutions adopted at the convention are now available.

The proceedings come in a two-volume set totalling more than 1,000 pages. Each volume costs \$2.75. The policy resolutions book is priced at 85 cents per copy with lower rates for bulk orders. The publications may be ordered from the AFL-CIO Pamphlet Division, 815 16th St. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20006.

Louisville, Louisville, Ky.) is a consultant to the Bureau of Rehabilitation for the California State Department of Education, and Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Southern California School of Medicine, who has also been active in organizing and participating in seminars on "The Compensable Injury" in which he has discussed related psychiatric problems.

Dr. Robert S. Hockwald—(M.D. Stanford Medical School), a specialist in occupational medicine, is President of the Western Industrial Medical Association and Medical Director for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in the San Francisco area.

Dr. Gucker, III—(M.D. Univ. of Pennsylvania School of Medicine) is an orthopedic surgeon experienced in treating difficult, long-term compensable injured workmen and is Director of Rehabilitation at the Orthopedic Hospital in Los Angeles.

Dr. Brown—(M.D. Univ. of California Medical School) a clinical professor of neurological surgery at the Univ. of California Med School since 1956, also teaches at S. F. General Hospital.

Dr. Williams, Jr.—(M.D. Meharry Medical College, Nashville) has been a practicing general surgeon in Los Angeles for the past eight years and is a past president of the Charles R. Drew Medical Society.

Dr. Sirbu—(M.D. Univ. of California Med School) was chief of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Mount Zion Hospital for 17 years, (1946-1964) and Chief of Staff for five years.

Dr. Griffith—(M.D. Jefferson Med College, Philadelphia) is a professor of cardiology at Univ. of Southern California Med School specializing in cardio-vascular disease.

More Aid Urged To Help Win Farm Fight

(Continued from Page 1)
used to help conclude the Delano grape strike successfully, Pitts, the Federation's secretary-treasurer, explained.

The decision to further beef up the State AFL-CIO's efforts in behalf of the farm workers was made following a close examination of the entire farm labor situation by an Agricultural Workers Task Force Committee appointed by Pitts last February.

The Committee, composed of key labor officials from throughout the state, found "an imperative need for greater financial support if the long overdue goal of farm worker organization is to become a reality."

It comes also in the wake of actions by the Executive Councils of both the national AFL-CIO and the state Federation throwing their support behind the nationwide consumer boycott of food products grown and marketed by the DiGiorgio Company of Delano, a firm that has become the symbol of grower resistance to the rights of farm workers to form unions and engage in collective bargaining.

Noting that only a small number of braceros entered California last year, and that there is "every reason to believe that this year only an insignificant portion of last year's total will enter," Pitts declared:

"The time for an all-out effort to aid the farm workers is right now. Certainly, an appeal for 15 cents from every AFL-CIO union member is not too much to ask to help lift the yoke of second-class citizenship from our farm workers.

"It should be borne in mind that once the farm workers win decent wages and working conditions, they will be able to participate fully in our economy—buy homes and other goods and services—and thereby stimulate and strengthen California's overall economy.

"At present the fact that they are paid sub-poverty level wages instead of premium rates for difficult seasonal work results in California taxpayers shelling out an invisible subsidy

Wire Now to Urge FLSA Bill OK

(Continued from Page 1)

Committee by a 9-6 vote.

It would boost the wage floor for nearly 30 million workers now covered from the present \$1.25 to \$1.40 next February and to \$1.60 a year later.

In addition, it would extend coverage to some 7.2 million additional workers, including about 485,000 farm workers as well as workers in restaurants, hotels, motels, hospitals, laundries and dry cleaning firms.

But the newly covered workers would initially be guaranteed a minimum of only \$1.00 an hour starting February 1, 1967. All of the newly covered workers except farm workers would receive 15 cent an hour annual increases until they reached a top of \$1.60 an hour in 1971. Covered farm workers would receive 15 cent increases for only the next subsequent two years to reach a top of just \$1.30 an hour by February 1969.

In a wire sent to California's 37-man congressional delegation on Thursday, Pitts said:

"On behalf of the 1.5 million members of the AFL-CIO in California, I urge you to support H.R. 13712, the Dent-Bell minimum wage bill which I understand will be voted on next week.

"The increases in the minimum wage and the expansion of coverage incorporated in H.R. 13712 represent major forward steps in the attempt to keep the Fair Labor Standards

to the state's wealthy corporate farms because the taxpayers must pick up the tab for the welfare costs of these grossly underpaid workers."

In other actions in the farm labor field, U.S. Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz last Friday approved a request to import 1,000 Mexican Nationals to help harvest strawberries near Salinas.

Wirtz' action was taken despite a wire sent to him early last week by Pitts, urging that the request by Salinas Strawberries, Inc. be rejected in order to protect the wages and working conditions of domestic workers.

Act abreast of the times. Enactment of H.R. 13712 without change would be the most significant step yet taken in the fight to remove the poverty and deprivation that affects one-fifth of this nation's population.

"I strongly urge you to support H.R. 13712 as approved by the House Labor Committee and to strenuously resist any and all attempts to amend the bill."

Watered-Down Packaging Bill Wins Senate Committee's OK

A compromise version of a "truth-in-packaging" bill designed to help consumers pick out the best buys in the supermarket won approval of the Senate Commerce Committee on a 14-3 vote last Friday.

The intent of the measure, which enjoys the support of the AFL-CIO, consumer organizations and other groups representing more than 50 million U.S. citizens, would require manufacturers to label containers so that buyers could easily determine the quantity and weight or volume of its contents.

It would also give the Federal Trade Commission and the Food and Drug Administration stand-by authority to standardize the packaging of food, drugs and other household supplies if such products are being packaged in a confusing number of different sizes, quantities and weights or volume.

The measure, sponsored by Senator Phillip A. Hart, (D. Michigan), is expected to be taken up in the Senate either later this month or early in June. It covers nearly all products except meat that are generally sold in supermarkets.

As presently drafted, the Federal Trade Commission and the Food and Drug Administration would be directed to issue regulations requiring a statement of the package's contents in conspicuous and legible type. It also stipulates that the contents would have to be described by only one unit of weight

Sixth Convention Highlights on Film

"The Challenge Before Us," a film of last December's 10th anniversary AFL-CIO convention, is now available for sale or rent, the AFL-CIO Dept. of Education has announced.

The movie runs for 20 minutes. It may be purchased for \$50 or rented for \$3 upon application to the AFL-CIO Film Division, 815 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

or measure. This means that "19 ounces" would be allowed, but not "1 pint, 3 ounces."

In addition, the FTC and the FDA would be given discretionary authority to define a "serving" and to regulate the use of "cents off" tags and such designations as "medium, large and economy-size."

Originally, the measure called for mandatory federal standards to reduce the number of different size packages in which the same products are marketed, but the compromise version stipulates that mandatory standards could be set up only if representatives of manufacturers, distributors, and consumers failed to agree on voluntary standards.

The bill does specify, however, that either voluntary or mandatory standards must be set up if the FTC or the FDA find that a product is being sold in so many different sizes, weights and quantities that the array of choices was "likely to impair the ability of consumers to make price-per-unit comparisons."

5 Committees Set Up For COPE Candidates

(Continued from Page 1)

"Governor Brown, Lieutenant Governor Glenn Anderson, State Controller Alan Cranston, State Attorney General Tom Lynch and State Treasurer Bert Betts all merit the support of California's workers on June 7," he said.