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## Labor at the Legislature

From the Capitol Office  
Of the Executive Secretary

On Thursday, March 14, in Room 2133 at the Capitol, the Assembly Committee on State Employment, Retirement and Military Affairs will hear AB 283 by Assemblyman John Burton. This is a Federation sponsored measure for Public Employees. When passed, it would permit collective bargaining for all public employees in the State. This is a milestone bill for workers in government service.

At the same committee hearing will be considered Federation sponsored AB 217 by Assemblyman Edward Elliott to permit payroll deduction of union dues on behalf of University of California employees.

A growing practice of the State of California is to make large purchases from out of State firms. A "Good" bill designed to correct some of the inequities in present law and practices will be heard in the Assembly Industrial Relations Committee Monday, March 11, in Room 2133 at 1:30 p.m. This is Assemblyman Carl Britschgi's AB 173.

Wednesday, March 13, at 9 a.m., the Finance and Insurance Subcommittee on Unemployment Insurance will take up a series of Federation sponsored bills by Assemblyman Burton dealing with unemployment insurance. These are AB 272, AB 273, AB 274, AB 276, AB 277, AB 278, AB 279 and AB 280. This hearing will be in Room 4202 of the Capitol. Great interest has been indicated in these bills and solid, unified support will be needed to help Assemblyman Burton move them to the Assembly floor for a vote.

## Reagan Task Force Plans Peril Workers, Pitts Warns

Would you believe that the Reagan administration currently has under submission recommendations to:

- Charge cheated or short-

### Act Now to Curb Strikebreakers

One of the single key bills in the '68 session for the AFL-CIO in California is AB 426. Every union member, every local and council officer should make it a personal project to get his or her Assemblyman on record on this one.

This is the bill to restrict the use of professional strikebreakers in labor disputes. The issue is a simple one; Labor's position is sound. A definite yes or no answer should be sought and received from your Assemblyman.

As soon as you get your answer, send it to the Federation's Capitol Office, Room 216, 11th & L Building, Sacramento, Calif. 95814.

Don't take your Assemblyman's vote on this for granted. Be sure. Ask him and get an answer.

### Backing Urged For Red Cross SOS

Strong support for a special Red Cross fund appeal being conducted this month is urged by the State AFL-CIO.

"The Red Cross has repeatedly demonstrated a capability

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changed workers a 10 percent fee for collecting wages earned and due them from defaulting or unscrupulous employers?

- Eliminate 25 district and regional offices of the State Disability Insurance Program which presently assists up to 600,000 workers a year in filing their benefit claims?

- Deny industrially injured workers suffering a disability rating of less than five percent the right to a Workmen's Compensation Appeals Board hearing to seek recovery for their injuries?

Well you better believe it because these are just a few of

the recommendations submitted to Reagan last month by his big businessman task force on efficiency and cost control

Although Reagan pledged repeatedly during his 1966 election campaign to give the people the facts so they could decide issues for themselves, the task force report is not only copyrighted, it costs \$25!

Since, in the past, similar reports have been available free to all interested citizens, this suggests that the Reagan administration believes that only those who can afford to cough up \$25 should be allowed to

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## Labor Wins Fight To Bar Kingsport Press Pact

More than 1.5 million textbooks for California school children will be produced in California, not at the strikebreaker-run Kingsport Press in

Tennessee, a top state official disclosed this week.

The decision, which means thousands of dollars in additional earnings for California's printing tradesmen, represents a significant victory for organized labor, Thos. L. Pitts, Secretary-Treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, said.

The issue arose early last month when the struck Kings-

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### 21 NOW AT STAKE

## Cannery Union To Sponsor \$500 Fed Scholarship

Chances for competing California high school seniors to win one of the \$500 awards at stake in the California Labor Federation's 18th Annual Scholarship competition are better than ever now.

The Cannery Workers Union of the Pacific in Terminal

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## Consumers to Air Issues In S. F.

Some spirited sessions appear in the offing when scores of Californians concerned about the present lack of adequate consumer protections roll into San Francisco for the Eighth Annual Convention of the Association of California Consumers next week.

For openers, the convention,

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## Cannery Union To Sponsor \$500 Fed Scholarship

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Island near San Pedro has decided to sponsor a scholarship. This boosts the number at stake in this year's competition to an all-time high of 21.

The scholarship sponsored by the Cannery Workers Union, an affiliate of the AFL-CIO Seafarers International Union, will be named the James Waugh Memorial Scholarship, Steve Edney, the union's president, said. The late Mr. Waugh served as a vice president of the State Federation of Labor during the 1940s.

Deadline for entering the contest fell today, March 8. A two-hour competitive exam will be held Friday, April 5, in each high school where applicants have filed.

The annual State AFL-CIO contest is open to all public and private high school seniors in the state and the awards may be used for any field of study.

In addition to the 21 \$500 awards at stake, the 50 highest students will receive Certificates of Merit in recognition of their achievement.

Three of this year's scholarships are sponsored by the California Labor Federation itself. The remaining 17 are sponsored by the following Federation affiliates:

Butchers Local No. 120, Oakland; Butchers Local No. 498, Sacramento; Carpenters Ladies Auxiliary, California State Council; California Legislative Board of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; California State Council of Carpenters; California State Council of Culinary Workers, Bartenders and Hotel and Motel Service Employees;

California State Council of Lathers—Lloyd A. Mashburn Memorial Scholarship; California State Council of Retail Clerks—Warren G. "Pop" DeSepte Award; Communications Workers of America, Bay Area Council—William G. Gruwell Scholarship; Communications Workers of America, Southern California Council—George W. Gorman Memorial Scholarship;

## Meany Lauds Thrust of Report on Urban Riots

A presidential commission's call for massive "national action" to generate jobs, housing, education and hope for millions trapped in black ghettos reflects "long-held views of the labor movement," AFL-CIO Pres. George Meany declared.

Meany praised both the "thrust" and the "sense of urgency" of the unanimous report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders.

The commission called for an emergency program to create a million public service jobs for the hard-core unemployed—a step strongly urged by the 1967 AFL-CIO convention and described as "essential" by the federation's Executive Council at its recent meeting.

This should be matched by a concerted effort to put another million disadvantaged workers

Federated Fire Fighters of California;

Los Angeles Building and Construction Trades Council; Los Angeles County District Council of Carpenters; Los Angeles District Council of Painters No. 36—Roderick MacKenzie Scholarship Award; Studio Utility Employees Local 724, Hollywood—Henry C. Rohrbach Memorial Scholarship; UAW Local 148, Lakewood—Alex Groulx Scholarship Award; and the Western Federation of Butchers.

The contest is sponsored each year to help broaden public understanding of the American labor movement. Winners of this year's contest are expected to be announced some time in latter part of May. Last year more than 950 California high school seniors competed in the contest.

Thos. L. Pitts, the State AFL-CIO's Secretary-Treasurer, pointed out that:

"In this contest, even the losers are winners because the knowledge they gain of the structure, goals and policies of organized labor and its continual efforts over the years to improve the fabric of our society will give them a better understanding of the economic realities of this nation and enable them to become more effective citizens."

in private industry and training, the commission said. Other recommendations in the 250,000-word report included a higher minimum wage and expanded coverage.

Meany termed the commission's report "of inestimable value." He said it "fully justifies Pres. Johnson's confidence that a group of thoughtful American leaders, drawn from a broad spectrum of American society, could and would evolve a program to meet the most critical crisis the nation has faced since 1932."

He said labor flatly rejects conservative charges that it is "impossible" for the nation to afford the billions needed to implement the program because of the costs of the war in Viet Nam.

On the contrary, he insisted, it would be a "betrayal" of the principles for which America is fighting in Viet Nam if millions of its own citizens are denied "full participation in American society."

The report warned that America is drifting toward a sharp division of society, "one black, one white—separate and unequal." But it affirmed that the drift "can be reversed" by "a commitment to national action . . . backed by the resources of the most powerful and the richest nation on this earth."

## Shun Stitzel-Weller Products, Union Asks

The National AFL-CIO Executive Council has endorsed the Distillery Workers' union's boycott of Stitzel-Weller products and called on all AFL-CIO affiliates to publicize the boycott.

The boycott is an outgrowth of the union's six and a half year fight to win union standards at the Shively, Kentucky, firm. The rest of the distilling industry has already accepted such standards, the union said.

The firm produces such brand-named bourbons as Old Fitzgerald, Cabin Still, Old Elk, and W. L. Weller in addition to a number of private labeled brands.

## A Look at the New NRTWC Directors

An inkling of just how anti-union the so-called "right-to-work committees" are was indicated recently when the National Right to Work Committee announced that six new directors had been named.

Four of the six are clearly management types and of the other two, one is an anti-union aircraft company employee and the other is an anti-union journalist.

The new NRTWC directors are: Ernest Osgood, Vice President of the State Street Trust Company, Boston; Buell Baclesse, Jefferson City, Mo., businessman; J. C. Gibson, retired counsel of the Santa Fe Railroad; Camille Quarrier, an anti-union journalist; George Seay, an employee of a Southern California Aerospace firm; and Roberta Pew, wife of John G. "Jack" Pew of the Sun Oil Company.

## Backing Urged For Red Cross SOS

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for bringing effective aid and comfort to persons in need both in peace and in war," Thos. L. Pitts, Secretary-Treasurer of the California Labor Federation, said.

"Right now due to its increasing obligations to our armed forces in Viet Nam, the Red Cross needs additional support to maintain its services to our servicemen in that combat area and their families," he explained.

Checks may be sent to your local Red Cross chapter or to the SOS (Support Our Servicemen) campaign, American National Red Cross, Washington, D.C. 20006.

A resolution voicing support of Red Cross services and fund-raising efforts was adopted by the last National AFL-CIO convention and AFL-CIO President George Meany has urged all AFL-CIO affiliates to support and cooperate with the SOS campaign.

# DIGEST OF BILLS

\*Sponsored by the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO  
No bill may be taken up until 30 days after the date of introduction indicated in Digest, except by  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote.

## Key to Symbols

<b>CR</b> Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	<b>LC</b> Labor Code Changes, General	<b>S</b> Industrial Safety
<b>DI</b> Disability Insurance	<b>LI</b> Liens, Attachments & Writs	<b>SL</b> State & Local Government
<b>EA</b> Employment Agencies, Private	<b>LS</b> Labor Unions, Special	<b>TA</b> Taxation
<b>ED</b> Education	<b>LU</b> Labor Unions, General	<b>TR</b> Training & Retraining
<b>EL</b> Elections	<b>MI</b> Miscellaneous	<b>UI</b> Unemployment Insurance
<b>HO</b> Housing	<b>PH</b> Public Health	<b>WC</b> Workmen's Compensation
<b>IN</b> Insurance (Incl. H & W)	<b>RE</b> Recreation	<b>WP</b> Water and Power

The bills are classified "Good," "Watch," "Bad" and "N. C." With respect to the classification, "N. C.," the proposed legislation is class or special legislation, and the Digest is printed with the information printed for our affiliates who are involved, but the bill is not classified "Good," "Watch" or "Bad" since we defer to the classification by the affected affiliates.

## ASSEMBLY BILLS

**AB 528 Vasconcellos** (Elec. & Reap.) Provides for change of minimum voting age from 21 to 18 years on affidavit of registration and on new residence envelope.

To become operative upon adoption of Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. ...., reducing minimum voting age to 18. Feb. 13.

**EL—Good**

**AB 542 Conrad** (Ind. R.) Prohibits a labor organization from engaging in a strike or, in connection therewith, promoting or inducing picketing, boycotting, or any other overt concomitant of a strike, unless the members thereof who are employed in unit engaging in collective bargaining with the employer against whom such acts are primarily directed have voted to call a strike either by a written secret ballot vote at a meeting, or a written secret mail ballot vote, of a majority of the members voting thereon.

Provides that no collective bargaining agreement shall be effective in this state until the employees covered thereby who are members of the labor organizations who are parties thereto have approved the agreement either by a written secret ballot vote at a meeting, or a written secret mail ballot vote, of a majority of the members voting thereon.

Authorizes action for injunction and damages for violation of above provisions.

Defines "written secret ballot" for purposes of foregoing provisions. Feb. 14.

**LU—Bad**

**AB 544 Wakefield** (G.E. & E.) Provides for an exemption from weighing at time of sale for pre-packaged items of processed meats that are not of predetermined uniform size or weight. Feb. 14.

**MI—Bad**

**AB 550 Knox** (S.P., V., & R.) Provides for leave of absence with full salary for not more than one year, in lieu of payments for temporary disability, in cases of members of the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, and the Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification of the Department of Justice falling within the "law enforcement" class, who suffer disabilities arising out of and in the course of their duties. Feb. 14.

**LS—N.C.**

**AB 562 Bagley** (Fin. & Ins.) Provides that the reserve account of a base period employer shall not be charged on account of benefits paid a claimant who, during the base period, was a student hired by the employer on a temporary basis during a vacation period who left his employment because of the end of his vacation. Feb. 14.

**UI—Watch**

**AB 563 Brown** (Jud.) Declares that in actions on a contract or installment account, the prevailing party, including a defendant as to whom the action is dismissed, shall be entitled to attorney's fees and bars waiver of such fees by parties to any contract entered into after effective date of this act.

Eliminates provisions applicable to certain cases which provide that where defendant alleges in his answer that he tendered to the plaintiff the full amount to which he was entitled, and thereupon deposits in court, for the plaintiff, such amount and the allegation is found true,

then the defendant is deemed a prevailing party. Feb. 14. **MI—Watch**

**AB 565 Brown** (Elec. & Reap.) Provides that in counties with a population of 500,000 or more, instead of 5,000,000 or more, in which the information on affidavits of registration is kept on tabulating cards or on electronic tape, copies of the cards or tapes will be made available to county central committees before the primary and general elections instead of only for general elections. Feb. 14.

**EL—Watch**

**AB 566 Brown** (G.E. & E.) Requires all purchases of drugs by any state agency subject to purchase supervision by the Director of General Services to be by generic name.

Requires any prescription made by the employee of any state agency to be by generic name.

Prohibits payment under any medical assistance program financed all or in part by state funds for a prescription of drugs not done by generic name. Feb. 14.

**PH—Watch**

**\*AB 569 Brown** (Ind. R.) Establishes minimum wage of \$2 per hour and maximum 35-hour workweek for all public and private employees and provides for overtime payment of twice the regular rate.

Authorizes Director of Industrial Relations to investigate occupations and employments within the state to insure compliance; and authorizes director, after notice and hearing, to issue wage orders and regulations.

Requires every employer in state to keep for a period of not less than 5 years, records of each employee's name, occupation, rate of pay, and amount paid each pay period; and requires such records to be open for inspection or transcription by director.

Requires summary of law and copies or summary of regulations or orders to be posted on employer premises.

Provides for criminal penalties for violations by employers; provides for civil action by employee for violation by employer; and authorizes employee to assign wage claim to director. Feb. 14. **LC—Good**

**AB 570 Brown** (Ed.) Provides that a public school employer or the governing board shall negotiate in good faith, instead of meet and confer, with representatives of employee organizations.

Authorizes, in any school district included within a city and county conducting secret ballot election among certificated employees, where two or more employee organizations exist, to determine the organizational composition of negotiating councils on the petition of 30 percent of such employees, with the employee organization elected designating the members of such councils. Feb. 14.

**LS—N.C.**

**AB 576 Negri** (Fin. & Ins.) Requires, under the Unruh Act, that the seller refund to the buyer any down payment, as defined, made by the buyer to the seller in the event a retail installment contract is not executed.

Requires, under the Rees-Levering Motor Vehicle Sales and Finance Act, that the seller refund the property or thing of value traded as a down payment, rather than permitting the seller to refund such prop-

## ASSEMBLY BILLS (Cont'd)

erty or thing of value or, if it cannot be returned, the cash value thereof, in the event a conditional sales contract is not executed.

Makes willful violation of Rees-Levering Motor Vehicle Sales and Finance Act a misdemeanor. Feb. 15. MI—Good

**AB 577 Fenton** (Elec. & Reap.) Deletes present provisions dealing with delegates and candidates in the presidential primary. Provides that candidates on the ballot will be those found by Secretary of State to be nationally recognized candidates for office of President of United States or those whose names are placed on ballot by means of petition. Permits any such candidate to withdraw by filing affidavit that he is not candidate.

Requires petition for place on ballot to be signed by same number of voters as presently required for nomination papers for presidential primary elections, and no more than 1,000 from any one county. Prohibits circulation of petition prior to January 1 of a presidential election year and requires it to be filed 75 days before the election.

Requires Secretary of State to notify each candidate that he places on the ballot and for whom he receives a petition or portion thereof that his name will appear on the California presidential primary ballot for his party.

Requires a party's delegation to its national convention to be selected by the state convention of the party. Requires delegation to include national committeeman and committeewoman and to be distributed by congressional districts according to the present formula. Requires state convention to meet on first Saturday in July and to name its delegation by 6 p.m. of the following day.

Binds delegation to the party's presidential nominee candidate from California for two ballots, until he is nominated for the office of President, until he releases the delegation, or until he receives less than 35 percent of the vote on a ballot. Provides that the party's presidential nominee candidate from California is that candidate who received the highest number of votes and who received more than 40 percent of the vote in his party's presidential primary in California.

Provides that, if no candidate satisfies the requirements for a presidential nominee candidate from California, the delegation will not be bound to any candidate.

Makes technical changes in presidential primary ballot. Feb. 15. EL—Watch

**AB 579 Mulford** (Crim. Pro.) Prohibits a person doing business in California from knowingly selling goods or services in intrastate commerce to a California minor who orders such goods or services by any means other than in person, unless such sale is with the written consent of such minor's parents or guardian. Feb. 15. LS—N.C.

**AB 580 Fong** (Ed.) Authorizes governing boards of school districts to contract with any other school district or California institution of higher learning for the exchange of services or the joint use of services, equipment and facilities.

Authorizes governing boards of school districts to execute a contract with any California teacher-training institution whereby certificated personnel of the school district may be assigned to the teacher-training institution for full-time duty for a period not to exceed one year. Feb. 15. LS—N.C.

**AB 584 Zenovich** (Pub. H.) Requires standards of reasonable cost for skilled nursing homes under Medi-Cal to include provision for rate of return on the facility valued at the greater of cost or market value which must exceed risk-free security and public utility rate of return, for amortization of plant and equipment, for capital modernization and growth, for allowances for reasonable return on capital supplied by provider, for all costs allowed by State Franchise Tax Board including compensation for proprietors serving the facility and for the cost, up to market cost, of services, facilities, equipment and supplies provided by organizations in common ownership and control, to apply uniformly regardless of different reimbursement to proprietary and tax-exempt skilled nursing homes.

Requires Director of Social Welfare to develop contractual methods of payment as voluntary alternative to reasonable cost reimbursement. Allows construction of provisions to require increase in any

maximum allowance for extended health services only to the extent funds are available therefor. Feb. 15. LS—N.C.

**AB 588 Knox** (G. E. & E.) Deletes provisions which establish the State Board of Dry Cleaners, and which provide for the licensing and regulation of persons engaging in the business of drycleaning. Feb. 13. LS—N.C.

**AB 590 Cory** (Fin. & Ins.) Defines "homeowner's policy" and "private passenger automobile."

Declares that certain provisions are not to be construed as invalidating any territorial limitation on private passenger automobile liability coverage existing in a homeowner's policy at the time this act becomes effective. Feb. 19. IN—Bad

**AB 591 Badham** (G. E. & E.) Deletes provisions relating to air space in sleeping rooms, hotel bedding and sanitation, gas illumination in rented rooms, and exit and stairway signs in hotels and related lodgings. Makes related and technical changes. Feb. 19. PH—Bad

**AB 594 Burton** (Rev. & Tax.) Eliminates oil depletion allowance under Personal Income Tax Law, and under Bank and Corporation Tax Law. Feb. 19. TA—Good

**AB 595 Burton** (Rev. & Tax.) Imposes taxes at the rate of 2 percent of the value upon the privilege of producing or severing oil or gas from the earth of this state, and of refining oil or distributing gas produced or severed outside this state.

Provides for administration and enforcement by the State Board of Equalization.

Specifies that revenues from the taxes shall be deposited in the Severance Tax Fund and appropriates the revenues in the fund to pay refunds and deposits the balance in the Highway Users Tax Fund or in the General Fund of the state.

To take effect immediately, tax levy, but to become operative on July 1, 1968. Feb. 19. TA—Watch

**AB 596 Burton** (Rev. & Tax.) Increases the maximum deduction permitted for the care of certain dependents when the taxpayer is a widower or a woman or a husband whose wife is institutionalized or incapacitated and the care is needed to permit the taxpayer to be gainfully employed. Feb. 19. TA—Good

**AB 598 Biddle** (Crim. Pro.) Authorizes issuance by superior or municipal court, or, after denial by such court, by justice of court of appeal, on application of Attorney General or district attorney, of warrant for collection of nonphysical evidence, by electronic or mechanical device, as defined. Prescribes form and content of application for warrant and of warrant, period of effectiveness, procedure for renewal, time and procedure for return, notice to the person named in the warrant, and records to be maintained with regard to warrant. Provides that evidence obtained pursuant to warrant shall be admissible in criminal, administrative, and grand jury proceedings. Requires Attorney General to prescribe uniform statewide procedures governing custody of such evidence. Requires annual report to Judicial Council by courts issuing warrants and by Attorney General and district attorneys and prescribes contents. Requires annual reports by Judicial Council and provides for recommendations to Legislature. Prescribes the criminal penalties for, and civil liability of, persons who eavesdrop in unauthorized manner or who make improper disclosure. Feb. 19. CR—Bad

**AB 601 Russell** (Fin. & Ins.) Provides that individual terminated due to absence from work because of incarceration who is convicted shall be deemed to have left his work voluntarily without good cause.

Authorizes reconsideration of rulings made prior to conviction, or other final disposition of complaint, as to termination for such cause during benefit year or extended duration period. Feb. 19. UI—Bad

**AB 604 Bear** (Crim. Pro.) Increases from 50 cents to \$1 the maximum sum which can be credited for each day of eight hours work done by a person in custody on any industrial farm or industrial road camp who is not found to have any person dependent upon him for support. Feb. 19. MI—Watch

## ASSEMBLY BILLS (Cont'd)

**AB 606 Bear (Ed.)** Requires Trustees of the California State Colleges to select two state colleges at which one-year pilot programs shall be established to recruit, identify and encourage disadvantaged students to successfully complete their college education, to establish rules and regulations as necessary to conduct such programs, and to allow to each college selected not to exceed \$50,000.

Appropriates \$100,000 to trustees for such purposes. Feb. 19.

ED—Good

**AB 609 Negri (Elec. & Reap.)** Permits board of supervisors to authorize members of precinct board to give instructions to voters in Spanish. Limits instructions to the material in Instructions to Voters appearing on ballot. Feb. 19.

EL—Good

**AB 611 Veneman (Fin. & Ins.)** Makes cash tips and gratuities received by a worker from persons other than his employer "wages" for purposes of the unemployment disability insurance law if equal to or greater than \$20 per month.

Requires worker to report such wages to employer in writing, and to pay worker contribution of 1 percent of wages reported.

Authorizes employer to withhold in trust worker contributions on such wages from wages under employer's control and pursuant to authorized regulations to estimate wages which will be reported and withhold worker contributions on basis of the estimate and to withhold contributions necessary to adjust amounts required to be withheld.

Makes employer liable for contributions required of workers on account of such wages under specified conditions.

Authorizes the worker to furnish the employer excess worker contributions under certain conditions and requires worker to pay excess worker contributions to Department of Employment under certain conditions. Authorizes the Director of Employment to make an assessment for excess contributions if the worker fails to pay and to offset amounts assessed against refunds and benefits.

Requires the employer to keep certain records and furnish the worker certain information.

Operative with respect to tips and gratuities received on and after January 1, 1969. Feb. 19.

DI—Watch

**AB 613 Leroy F. Greene (Crim. Pro.)** Broadens authority of persons employed in police departments of University of California and California State Colleges as peace officers to provide for the exercise of their powers or authority any place in the state with respect to matters or affairs of the university or state college arising in the course of their employment. Feb. 19.

SL—Watch

**AB 617 Veysey (Agr.)** Permits Director of Agriculture to adopt meat inspection regulations equal to the Federal Meat Inspection Act but prohibits adopting regulations less restrictive than state statutory requirements.

To take effect immediately, urgency statute. Feb. 19.

MI—Watch

**AB 619 Vasconcellos (Ind. R.)** Provides that employees shall have the right of self-organization, to form, join or assist labor organizations, to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing, and to engage in concerted activities, for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection, free from interference, restraint, or coercion of employers.

Provides that representatives designated or selected for purposes of collective bargaining by the majority of the employees in a unit appropriate for such purposes or by the majority of the employees voting in an election conducted pursuant to certain provisions of law shall be the exclusive representatives of all the employees of the appropriate unit for purposes of collective bargaining in respect to wages, hours, and condition of employment.

Authorizes the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations to investigate and make determinations concerning questions or controversies concerning representation of employees, including determination of appropriate unit of employees, and certify representatives designated after hearing and an election or use of another suitable method to ascertain such representatives.

Makes specified conduct by an employer an unfair labor practice.

Authorizes the director to investigate charges of unfair labor prac-

tices and, after hearings pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, issue a cease and desist order and require specified action by an employer if the director determines that an unfair labor practice has occurred. Feb. 19.

LC—Watch

**AB 622 Burke (S.E., R., & M.A.)** Changes priority of preference in certifying eligible persons under state civil service for job appointments by placing the general reemployment list in a higher position than it now has.

Adds the general reemployment list to law which requires that, unless the indicated list is used as an "appropriate employment list," the person standing highest shall be certified and appointed. Feb. 20.

LS—N.C.

**AB 624 Negri (G.E. & E.)** Creates a State Board of Certified Construction Inspectors composed of nine members appointed by the Governor for four-year terms. Specifies the powers and duties of the board.

Provides for the certification by the board of construction inspectors, as defined. Specifies the procedure for obtaining a certificate and the grounds for the suspension or revocation thereof. Feb. 20.

LS—N.C.

**AB 627 Powers (S.E., R., & M.A.)** Provides that minimum and maximum salary limits for laborers, workmen, and mechanics employed on an hourly or per diem casual basis, instead of on an hourly or per diem basis, need not be uniform throughout the state.

Provides that salary limits for building trades classes employed on a permanent basis need not be uniform throughout the state, and requires the personnel board to ascertain the prevailing rate of such wages in various localities in the state. Authorizes board to set the salary for such classes on hourly, daily or monthly basis, taking into account the prevailing rates of wages in private business, including the construction industry, and in major local public jurisdictions in the localities where the employee is to work or throughout the state. Prohibits board from fixing minimum salary below the general prevailing rate so ascertained for the various localities or throughout the state. Feb. 20.

LS—N.C.

**AB 632 Brathwaite (Jud.)** Prohibits attachment in any action in which the sum claimed, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, is less than \$300, rather than \$125. Feb. 20.

LI—Good

**AB 633 Brathwaite (G. E. & E.)** Establishes standards of education, training, and experience for all persons who use x-rays on human beings and prescribes the means for assuring that these standards are met. Feb. 20.

LS—N.C.

**AB 636 Stull (Ed.)** Establishes Board of Regents of the University of California. Prescribes powers and duties of board, including requirement that board account annually for all moneys received by the university from any source, and submit annually a detailed budget from each campus.

To become operative only if unspecified Assembly Constitutional Amendment of the 1968 Regular Session is approved by the electorate.

Calls for special election on November 5, 1968, for submission to electors of state and undesignated constitutional amendment, relating to the University of California. Feb. 20.

ED—Bad

**\*AB 638 Zenovich (Fin. & Ins.)** Makes individual who left work because of a trade dispute eligible for unemployment disability compensation benefits. Feb. 20.

DI—Good

**AB 641 Bagley (N.R., P., & P.W.)** Provides that the state and its agencies shall not acquire land or construct public buildings without first submitting the proposal to the local planning agency for advisory report. Provides requirement is not applicable to state highways. Feb. 20.

SL—Watch

**AB 648 MacDonald (Ind. R.)** Requires body awarding contract for public work to keep on file prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality for each craft, classification or type of workman needed to execute the contract, rather than specifying such rates in its call for bids; requires that call for bids specify that such rates shall be paid. Requires rates to be specified in contract itself. Feb. 21.

LS—N.C.

## ASSEMBLY BILLS (Cont'd)

**AB 649 Shoemaker** (Fin. & Ins.) Gives injured employee the right to select his own doctor to treat injury. Requires employer to pay for any doctor selected by injured employee, and to pay, in addition to all other benefits, all expenses, rather than reasonable expenses, which employee may incur in obtaining medical, surgical, and hospital treatment where employer neglects or refuses reasonably to provide such treatment, or in submitting to physical examination requested by employer, or other specified persons or entities, and requires employer to pay employee full day's wages, rather than temporary disability indemnity, for each day lost in submitting to such examination.

Requires employer to give permission to injured employee to change physicians if employee so requests, and to pay for treatment rendered. Deletes provisions requiring employer to allow employee one change of physician, to be selected from five nominated by employer or his insurance carrier. Feb. 21. **WC—Watch**

**AB 651 Monagan** (G.E. & E.) Authorizes the Department of Housing and Community Development to furnish counseling and guidance services to aid any public body or private or nonprofit organization or persons in securing the financial aid or cooperation of the federal government in the undertaking, construction, maintenance, operation, or financing of specified housing.

Authorizes the department to contract for or sponsor experimental or demonstration projects for permanently fixed or mobile housing designed to meet special needs of agricultural workers and persons displaced by action of any state or local public agency.

Eliminates provisions making operative only until 91st day after 1969 Regular Session, the 1965 act which created the Commission of Housing and Community Development and the Department of Housing and Community Development, abolished the Division of Housing of Department of Industrial Relations and the office of Chief of Division of Housing, and transferred functions of both to the Department of Housing and Community Development. Feb. 21. **HO—Watch**

**AB 652 Monagan** (G.E. & E.) Authorizes the State Fair Employment Practices Commission to engage in affirmative actions with owners in furtherance of the purpose of the so-called "Rumford Act." Defines "affirmative actions" as any educational activity for the purpose of eliminating discrimination in housing accommodations because of race, color, religion, national origin, or ancestry and any promotional activity designed to achieve such a result on a voluntary basis.

Provides that the so-called "Rumford Act" is not to be construed to promote housing accommodations on a preferential or quota basis. Feb. 21. **HO—Watch**

**AB 655 Karabian** (Rev. & Tax.) Exempts business inventories from property taxation, commencing with the lien date in 1969. Feb. 21. **TA—Bad**

**AB 658 Fenton** (Fin. & Ins.) Makes it mandatory that every contract involving the lending of money, where its purpose is to finance the purchase or improvement of real property, shall state the interest rate. Prohibits the raising of the interest rate during the term of the loan. States any attempts to waive these provisions is void. Feb. 21.

**MI—Watch**

**AB 660 Belotti** (S.E., R., & M.A.) Provides for pay differential of up to 15% for fire suppression employees in the Division of Forestry.

Makes an appropriation of \$696,809. Allocates \$559,877 to pay differential and \$136,932 to pay voluntary fire wardens. Feb. 21. **LS—N.C.**

**AB 661 Burton** (G.O.) Permits contracts to be let for printing for state to persons printing within state whose bids or quoted prices exceed low out-of-state bids by no more than 10 percent rather than 5 percent. Feb. 21. **LS—N.C.**

**AB 668 Negri** (Jud.) Provides that whenever any security is given in the form of a bond, stipulation, undertaking or money, for the issuance of any temporary restraining order or an injunction, the surety or person who deposits the money submits himself to the jurisdiction of the court, and permits his liability under the money deposited or the security posted to be enforced on motion without the necessity of an independ-

ent action. Requires that notice of such motion be mailed to the interested person or surety if his address is known. Feb. 21. **MI—Watch**

**AB 669 Negri** (Trans. & C.) Provides that suspension of driver's license for failure to comply with Financial Responsibility Law shall not apply to driver's privilege of driving to and from work when he has demonstrated necessity therefor to, and files proof of ability to respond in damages arising in future accidents pursuant to Financial Responsibility Law with, Department of Motor Vehicles.

Permits department to restrict such privilege to particular times of day, geographical boundaries, or specific days of week.

Requires burden of proving person was driving to or from employment to be on such person in any proceeding resulting from facts occurring during time when person's license is suspended pursuant to Financial Responsibility Law.

Makes section applicable only so long as proof of ability to respond in damages is on file with department. Feb. 21. **MI—Watch**

**AB 675 Pattee** (G.E. & E.) Enumerates the activities which any wine-grower, wineblender, beer manufacturer, beer and wine wholesaler, or beer manufacturer's agent, or the authorized employee, agent or representative of any such persons, who sell to a retail licensee, may do at or on the premises of such licensee.

To take effect immediately, urgency statute. Feb. 22. **LS—N.C.**

**AB 676 Pattee** (Rev. & Tax.) Exempts agricultural minerals, manures, soil amendments, and auxiliary soil chemicals, as well as fertilizer, from the sales and use tax, when the same are to be applied to land the products of which are to be used as food for human consumption or sold in the regular course of business.

To take effect immediately, tax levy, but to become operative on July 1, 1968. Feb. 22. **TA—Bad**

**AB 678 Cullen** (S.E., R., & M.A.) Provides that public employees shall have the right of self-organization and the right to form, join, or assist employee organizations, to be represented by and to engage in mutual negotiation on specified matters, through representatives of their own choosing, and to engage in lawful concerted activities for the purpose of mutual negotiation or for other mutual aid or protection.

Makes representatives chosen for purposes of mutual negotiation by a majority of the public employees voting in a mutual negotiation unit the exclusive representative of all of the employees in such unit for the purposes of mutual negotiation and specifies procedure for determining the mutual negotiation unit and for determining by secret ballot whether public employees in the unit wish to be represented, and by which individual or organization.

Specifies certain prohibited practices by public employers and employee organizations and authorizes submission of controversies thereon to the California Public Employment Relations Board created by the act.

Authorizes the board to appoint a mediator and fact finder under certain conditions when disputes arise concerning certain matters and specifies procedures involving mediation and factfinding for settling such disputes.

Authorizes the board to adopt rules and regulations and to delegate any or all of its powers to any public agency which the board determines has a public employment relations enactment which substantially conforms to the policies and provisions of the act.

Establishes a California Public Employment Relations Board appointed by the State Personnel Board.

Deletes existing provisions concerning employer-employee relations with regard to public employees generally, public school employees and firefighting employees. Feb. 22. **LU—Bad**

**AB 681 Pattee** (Agr.) Authorizes the Director of Agriculture to enter into agreements with federal agencies for the purpose of administering meat or poultry meat inspection programs. Feb. 22. **MI—Watch**

## ASSEMBLY BILLS

**AB 684 Lanterman** (Rev. & Tax.) Changes the formula for allocating funds to cities and counties from the State Cigarette Tax Fund from a formula based entirely on the transmittal of sales tax revenues pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law to a formula which subvents one half of such funds in accordance with the existing Bradley-Burns formula and one half on the basis of population. Provides that city shall not be allocated less than it received from its own tax on August 1, 1967, as determined by the Controller according to specified procedures.

Specifies that this change will become operative on July, 1, 1968.

Deems city and county to be a county for the purposes of this allocation. Feb. 22. **TA—Watch**

**AB 690 Hayes** (Trans. & C.) Requires State Air Resources Board to establish one-year statewide exhaust control device program whereby various types of exhaust emission control devices will be tested on a certain number of state-owned motor vehicles operated by the California Highway Patrol and Department of General Services.

Requires board to report to Legislature at various times.

To take effect immediately, urgency statute. Feb. 22. **PH—Watch**

**AB 697 Ray E. Johnson** (Crim. Pro.) Permits person conducting a hearing relative to commission of a traffic offense by a minor, upon admission of the violation charged, or upon finding that the minor committed the violation, to require the minor to work for a public agency and receive not less than \$10, nor more than \$20, per day toward reducing any fine ordered to be paid. Feb. 26. **LS—N.C.**

**AB 708 Mobley** (G.E. & E.) Requires buildings accessory to permanent buildings used for human habitation to comply with minimum standards established pursuant to the Employee Housing act.

Authorizes the Commission of Housing and Community Development to establish a schedule of fees for the construction of buildings in labor camps wherever the Department of Housing and Community Development is the enforcing agency.

Defines terminology used in act and makes other clarifying changes and conforming changes to reflect earlier changes in the law. Feb. 26.

**LC—Watch**

**AB 712 Milias** (G.O.) Creates Council of Social Advisors, composed of three members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, to advise the Governor on combating social problems. Members to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, and without compensation, but to be reimbursed for expenses. Council to be staffed and equipped by the Governor's office.

Requires annual report by the council to the Governor and by the Governor to the Legislature.

Appropriates \$25,000 for such purposes. Feb. 26.

**SL—Watch**

**AB 723 Zenovich** (N.R., P., & P.W.) Requires projects subject to the State Contract Act and the State College Contract Law to be prepared for bids on separate and combined basis, and requires projects in excess of \$100,000 to be let on separate basis. Provides contract shall be with low general construction bidder to supervise and control all construction, and provides for payment of 3 percent of the cost of the project, but not including the general construction, to the general contractor for such supervision. Feb. 26.

**LS—N.C.**

**AB 724 Zenovich** (N.R., P., & P.W.) Requires contracts subject to the State Contract Act and State College Contract Act in excess of \$100,000 let out for bids to be divided into specified groupings of work and material.

Requires contract to go to lowest bidder of an entire contract or to lowest bidders for the separate groups of work, whichever is lower. Feb. 26. **LS—N.C.**

**AB 727 Fenton** (Fin. & Ins.) Requires every policy of automobile liability insurance issued after the effective day of this act, except policies issued pursuant to assigned risk plans, to be renewed by the insurer for five successive years after its original issuance, except when there has been a nonpayment of premium or the insured's license to operate a motor vehicle has been terminated.

Prohibits the reduction of coverage of a policy of automobile liability insurance without the written consent of the insured. Declares that foregoing requirements shall not preclude the insurer's right to cancel the policy during the initial 60-day period following the original issuance of such policy if such cancellation is otherwise lawful, or limit premium rate if otherwise lawful. Feb. 27. **IN—Good**

**AB 729 Vasconcellos** (G.O.) Provides that December 26th is a state holiday and makes this same change in state employees' holidays, except when such day falls on a Sunday the following Monday is not deemed to be a holiday in lieu of the day observed. Feb. 27. **LS—N.C.**

**AB 737 Mobley** (Ind. R.) Establishes State Roster of Labor Camps, to be in the custody of Department of Housing and Community Development, and to consist of all labor camps registered with the department. Requires notification to department whenever any such camp is to be modified.

Establishes \$10 fee for registration or reregistration after December 31, 1968.

Revises provisions relating to information required on registration or reregistration. Feb. 27. **LC—Watch**

**AB 743 Dunlap** (S.E., R., & M.A.) Requires Board of Administration of Public Employees' Retirement System to approve a health benefits plan negotiated by employee organizations representing employees of the Department of Corrections and Department of Youth Authority which meets the board's standards, notwithstanding that such plan did not exist on January 1, 1962. Feb. 27. **LS—N.C.**

**AB 747 Davis** (S.E., R., & M.A.) Provides that any increase in compensation for state officers and employees exempt from civil service must be fixed by the Legislature by statute other than the Budget Bill and that if funds are appropriated in the Budget Bill for salary increases for state officers and employees exempt from civil service there shall be itemized in a footnote the name and total salary so fixed for each such officer and employee.

Declares intent of Legislature that out of any funds appropriated for salary increases for state officers and employees there be allocated a sum sufficient to provide a 5.5-percent increase including staff benefits for each permanent officer and employee that is not exempt from civil service. Feb. 27. **LS—N.C.**

**AB 756 Veysey** (Ind. R.) Requires wage boards, in making their reports and recommendations to the Industrial Welfare Commission re women's and minors' wages, hours, and working conditions, to consider the economic condition of the industry, the ability of employers to pay, and the effect on the industry, if any, of minimum wages and standards of labor which might be applied.

Requires the commission to consider these factors in making its determinations. Feb. 27. **LC—Bad**

## ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

**ACR 45 Wakefield** (Pub. H.) Requests counties and cities administering public parks to require all park employees to have on file medical evidence of an examination finding them free of communicable tuberculosis, and requests counties and cities to report their experience with such a program to the Legislature by the 5th legislative day of the 1969 Regular Session. Feb. 19. **LS—N.C.**

**ACR 49 Veneman** (Rls.) Directs the Joint Committee on Medi-Cal Administration to continue its study of costs, to investigate the extent of

Medi-Cal program irregularities and abuse, retain staff investigators, if necessary, cooperate with the investigation conducted by the Attorney General, and to report its preliminary findings of 1967-68 costs by March 1, 1968, of 1968-69 costs by April 1, 1968, and its findings and recommendations by January 15, 1969. Feb. 21. **PH—Good**

**ACR 51 Chappie** (Rls.) Declares that it is in the best interest of the State of California that the printing and binding of certain textbooks be done and contract awarded to bidder from within California. Feb. 28. **LS—N.C.**

## SENATE BILLS

**SB 342 Bradley (Ed.)** Increases from three to five years the period which certificated employee, or any school district, must serve in order to attain status of permanent employee of district.

Increases from three to five years period which a certificated employee of any school district with a.d.a. of 250 or more must serve in order to attain permanent status and increases from 3 to 5 years period which certificated employee of any school district with a.d.a. of 250 or less must serve in order to be eligible for permanent status.

Increases from 2 to 5 years period which certificated employee of district with a.d.a. of 60,000 or more must serve in order to attain permanent status. Feb. 15. **LS—N.C.**

**SB 436 Mills (Ins. & F.I.)** Makes city policemen, sheriffs, sheriff's employees and certain district attorney's employees eligible to leave with pay in lieu of temporary disability for line of duty injuries regardless of retirement system membership.

Includes marshals within employees entitled to such leave. Feb. 26. **LS—N.C.**

**SB 440 Moscone (Gov. Eff.)** Declares legislative finding that exhibition by student body organization of motion pictures on state college or public junior college campus, for purpose of fund raising, is activity inconsistent with purposes of state college or public junior college.

Prohibits use of state college or public junior college property by student body organization for exhibition of motion pictures for which admission fees are charged. Feb. 26. **LS—N.C.**

**SB 446 Carrell (Ins. & F.I.)** Prohibits the Insurance Commissioner from disapproving forms relating to credit life and credit disability insurance for use in covering debtors of any creditor or certain permitted groups of financial institutions, where the annual aggregate premium cannot reasonably be expected to exceed \$250,000, on the ground that the benefits provided therein are not reasonable in relation to premiums charged if the expected loss ratio will not be less than 50 percent based upon experience established by, as to life insurance, a prescribed publication, excluding experience of specified types of credit life insurance, or as to either life or disability insurance, such actual past experience for debtors of the particular creditor (or similar creditors with similar debtors) submitted at the sole option of the insurer which will support a higher presumptive rate.

Declares that the commissioner shall not have authority to require in connection with form approval the keeping or filing of experience or age records for any creditor and his debtors, but may require such data to be included in aggregate experience on California or nationwide business. Feb. 26. **IN—Bad**

**SB 452 Marks (Elec. & Reap.)** Requires county clerks to have available, at least 10 days prior to elections and at all polling places, copies in Spanish of the state and countywide measures and of the instructions to voters appearing on the ballot.

Requires Secretary of State to cause 15 percent of ballot pamphlets to be printed in both English and Spanish languages and to cause them to be distributed to boards of supervisors of counties with 50,000 people or more. Feb. 27. **EL—Good**

**SB 453 Marks (Elec. & Reap.)** Requires county clerks to have available, at least 10 days prior to elections and at all polling places, copies in Chinese of the state and countywide measures and of the instructions to voters appearing on the ballot.

Requires Secretary of State to cause 15 percent of ballot pamphlets to be printed in both English and Chinese and to cause them to be distributed to boards of supervisors of counties with 50,000 people or more. Feb. 27. **EL—Watch**

**SB 458 Dolwig (Gov. Eff.)** Requires that public school employers "negotiate in good faith," rather than "meet and confer," with employee organizations, and defines "negotiate in good faith" and "impasse."

Requires public school employers to negotiate in good faith with employee organizations with regard to a mutually acceptable procedure for resolution of impasses, which shall include mediation or fact-finding and may include both. Requires the State Board of Education to establish such a procedure, including both mediation and fact-finding, and makes such procedure applicable in the event of an impasse if a public school employer has failed to adopt its required procedure.

Declares that the enactment of the act shall not be construed as making the provisions of Section 923 of the Labor Code applicable to public school employees. Feb. 27. **LS—N.C.**

**SB 459 Danielson (Ed.)** Adds two semester hours of upper division or graduate coursework in methods of reading instruction, including the phonics method, to minimum requirements for the standard credential with a specialization in elementary teaching. Provides that such requirement may be fulfilled within two years of issuance of credential by in-service training program established by the school district according to standards prescribed by the State Board of Education.

Exempts from requirements persons holding elementary standard teaching credentials on effective date of the act. Feb. 27. **LS—N.C.**

**SB 468 Petris (Rev. & Tax.)** Provides for reimbursement, contingent upon adoption of an appropriate constitutional amendment, of revenues by the state to the counties, cities, and districts caused by loss of such revenues arising out of an exemption from property taxation for single-family dwellings in the amount of \$500 of assessed value of the dwelling. Sets forth the procedure in connection with such exemption. Specifies that such reimbursement payments may be used by local government for any purpose for which property taxes may be used and calls a special election to be consolidated with the general election of November 5, 1968, to place the constitutional amendment before the voters. Provides for the 1968-1969 fiscal year only, that \$50 payments shall be made directly to the taxpayers instead of the above exemption.

States that most persons who do not itemize deductions on their personal income tax returns do not own real property and increases the standard deduction from \$500 to \$1,000 for single persons and from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for married couples. Declares that the purpose of the increase in the standard deduction is to provide compensatory tax relief for tenants.

Repeals provisions requiring that \$12,916,666 be placed in the Property Tax Relief Fund each calendar month, commencing in July, 1968, and provisions requiring that the rate of the state's sales and use taxes be decreased from 4 to 3½ percent on July 1, 1968, if the money in the Property Tax Relief Fund is not appropriated by June 15, 1968. Provides, instead, that \$12,916,666 shall be placed in the Homeowners' Property Tax Relief Fund which is created, each month on and after July 1, 1968, and specifies that the sales and use tax rate will be reduced from 4 to 3½ percent on and after January 1, 1969, if the constitutional amendment submitted to the voters in November, 1968, is not approved.

Appropriates the money in the Homeowners' Property Tax Relief Fund continuously to the Controller to make the reimbursement payments, if the constitutional amendment is approved, and provides that if the amendment is not approved, \$12,916,666 shall be placed in the fund from July through December, 1968, in order that the Legislature may have funds available for purposes of providing property tax relief at the 1969 Regular Session. Feb. 28. **TA—Watch**

**SB 469 Petris (Ins. & F.I.)** Makes service performed by an individual in the employ of any relative as an apprentice "employment" for purposes of the Unemployment Insurance Law. Feb. 28. **UI—Good**

**SB 470 Petris (Ins. & F.I.)** Prohibits insurer from relieving itself from liability under a workmen's compensation policy for payment of compensation to a relative of an employer where such relative is an apprentice under a written apprenticeship agreement; prohibits exclusion from coverage of such relative unless such relative is specifically named in the schedule of operations of the declaration or specifically insured by endorsement attached to the policy. Feb. 28. **WC—Good**

**SB 474 Harmer (Soc. Wel.)** Repeals and revises program of basic and extended health benefits for public assistance recipients, and medically indigent persons.

Requires Director of State Department of Social Welfare to contract with insurance carrier, as defined, to cover benefits in consideration of premiums and advancement of funds to pay for any costs not covered by the insurance contract.

Requires recipient to pay specified minimum charge for benefits received. Feb. 28. **PH—Bad**

## Labor Wins Fight To Bar Kingsport Press Contract

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port firm entered a bid on the job a shade lower than that of a union printer and bookbinder in San Francisco.

The State Federation immediately sought a delay in awarding of the contract, pointing out that such action would hurt the state's printing industry, result in a loss of state taxes, as well as wipe out potential jobs for California workers.

Andrew R. Lolli, director of the State Department of General Services, subsequently consulted with both labor and industry officials and, late last Wednesday, announced that the job would be done at the State Printing plant.

The State Federation's efforts in spearheading and coordinating action on the issue was praised by Albert Mattson, Secretary of Bookbinder's Bay Area Local 31-125.

But the Federation credited the victory to the fine cooperation of the printing trades coupled with strong support from the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, the Alameda and San Francisco Central Labor Councils and other central bodies and local unions throughout the state.

At stake in the contract was work on 1,530,000 music textbooks for grades 2, 3, and 6.

In a related move to protect the higher living standards of California workers, Senator George Moscone (D-San Francisco) has introduced a Federation-initiated bill, SB 411, which would require public officers to buy California-made goods if the in-state bid does not exceed the low bid by more than 10 percent. Existing law allows only a five percent differential.

## Printing Trades

Average hourly wage scales of unionized printing trades workers rose 16 cents, or 4.1 per cent, reaching \$4.01 during the year ending July 1, 1967, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports. This was the largest advance since 1952.

## Probe of Consumers' Needs Due at ACC Parley

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to be held at the Del Webb TowneHouse Saturday and Sunday March 16-17, will feature addresses by Colston E. Warne, President of the Consumers Union on "recent developments in the consumer movement" and State Senator Nicholas C. Petris (D-Alameda County) who will speak on "Who's Speaking for the California Consumer?" during the Saturday morning session.

### LUNCHEON SPEAKER

State Insurance Commissioner Richard S. L. Roddis will address the luncheon session and later participate in a discussion session on "Legislative Developments in the Insurance Field."

Other discussion sessions will focus on "The Rights of Homeowners and Home Buyers" and "Consumer Sovereignty — The Consumer's Role in Directing the Nation's Productive Resources."

The Sunday morning session convening at 9:45 a.m. will feature addresses by Kay Valory, the state's Consumer Counsel, and Herschel Elkins, Deputy Attorney General of the Consumer Fraud unit in the State Department of Justice.

### CHARGES LEVIED

Just last month Robert R. Barton, the Association's executive secretary, charged that Governor Reagan is not only "starving the office with a budget proposal of only \$32,723, but he is allowing it to function in a manner contrary to the intent of the law that created the office."

To back up his charge, Barton pointed out that the state's government code requires that the legislature "shall recommend to the Governor and to the legislature the enactment of such legislation as he deems necessary to protect and promote the interests of people as consumers."

Calling attention to the words "shall recommend," Barton said:

"The consumer counsel is obliged to act on the consumer's behalf in regards to leg-

islation. Yet not once has the present consumer counsel appeared before a legislative committee on a measure affecting consumers; offered to help legislators carrying consumer protection measures; or cautioned about proposed 'bad' consumer legislation."

### ACTIONS LISTED

The ACC spokesman said that since Governor Reagan took office, "the only material prepared by the consumer counsel's office (and supplied only upon request), were (a) a partial list of consumer bills introduced, (b) a partial list of consumer bills signed into law, and (c) a year-end report of the office, a page and one-half long."

In addition, he said that "the Governor's analysis in the budget makes it clear that the consumer counsel's office under the Reagan administration has simply turned complaints from consumers over to the business and industries complained against. It has not made the studies of consumer problems mandated by law nor has it alerted and informed consumer organizations," he said.

"If Governor Reagan is going to let the consumer counsel do the vigorous job that desperately needs to be done to protect our people from unscrupulous sellers and lenders, the Governor should triple or quadruple that budget item. Anything less is shortchanging the consumer," he declared.

### OTHER PARTICIPANTS

ACC President Mrs. Jackie Walsh said other notable participants at the two day convention would include State Assemblyman Willie Brown (D-San Francisco); Helen Nelson, President of the Consumer Research Foundation and former California Consumer Counsel and Jean Robinson, Chairman of the Projects Committee of the Oxford Consumers Group of Oxford, England.

Membership in the Statewide Consumer Association costs \$5. Visitors are welcome to sit in on the convention's general sessions, Mrs. Walsh said.

## FDA Asks How To Protect You From Your Doctor

"What can be done to protect you from your doctor?"

That was the plaintive question put to a U.S. Senate Subcommittee last week by Food and Drug Administrative James L. Goddard.

Goddard said he was at his "wits end" in trying to prevent misuse of a potent antibiotic, Chloromycetin, a product of the Parke-Davis Drug Company that has been on the market for 20 years.

The FDA has issued repeated warnings that the drug should be used only for serious infections such as typhoid fever. Its latest warning lists leukemia as one of the drug's possible side effects. Another suspected side-effect discussed by other witnesses was aplastic anemia, a disease that affects the body's ability to produce new blood.

Despite the fact that the latest warning "is probably the strongest drug warning that exists," Goddard said the warnings have amounted to a "colossal failure."

The FDA has done all it can under existing law. It has no power to effectively police the drug's use, he explained.

U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson (D-Wis.), who chairs the Senate's Small Business Subcommittee conducting the investigation, said it was "incredible" that nothing had been done to curb the drug's use.

The FDA is powerless to order the drug's use be limited to hospitals but it has "suggested" that this be done.

Nelson deplored the situation, saying:

"If a profession fails in its responsibility, somebody has got to do something about it."

"Tragedies are occurring all over the country. . . . We see more and more and more prescribed. The experts say three million to four million persons are getting this drug and 90 to 99 percent specifically shouldn't get it."

It's stories like this that should give pause to those inclined to be swayed by the strident insistence of big business that there is no need for stronger federal laws to protect the public's health and safety.

# Reagan Task Force Plans Peril Workers, Pitts Warns

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know in detail just what the state administration is considering doing to state agencies and services we all pay for.

Overall the report says full implementation of its recommendations could cut costs and avoid expenses of general and special funds by an estimated \$233 million. Among other things it says the state should stop building colleges until existing campuses cannot be expanded to accommodate projected enrollment.

This would halt construction until 1975 or later at authorized colleges in Ventura, San Mateo, Kern and Contra Costa Counties as well at Dominguez Hills in Los Angeles County.

The report claims that where financial savings have been suggested, the quality of services would not be hurt.

But this is clearly open to question.

"So far as California's more than seven million workers are concerned, a major thrust of parts of the 150-page summary report seems intent on reducing state costs by either slashing or abolishing state services provided by both Democratic and Republican administrations as a simple matter of good government for more than 20 years," Thos. L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation said.

"The idea that a worker should have to pay the state a 10 percent fee to collect wages due him from a defaulting employer is absolutely unconscionable," he declared. "If any fee is to be levied, it should be against the law-breaking employer, not the worker seeking long-overdue earnings," he added.

As for the proposal to eliminate the 25 district and area offices of the Division of Disability and Hospital Benefits, he observed:

"These offices provide a vital public service for the six million California workers who finance this insurance program. Their abolition would inevitably result in shortchanging workers of benefits they paid for. It would do precisely what Governor Reagan claims he doesn't want to do—remove the government farther from the people.

**"It would make it practically impossible for workers in San Diego, Los Angeles, Eureka, San Francisco, Fresno or other areas around the state to pick up the phone and get immediate clarification or any questions they have about filling in the necessary forms. The inevitable result would be delays in the payment of benefits at a time when a worker is least able to look after himself—when he is sick or disabled.**

"In addition, many workers would very likely lose their benefits entirely out of ignorance, discouragement or oversight.

"Abolition of the district offices would mean that many insured workers would have to engage in lengthy and time-consuming written correspondence with Sacramento before beginning to receive any benefits," Pitts explained.

The section of the report most directly affecting California workers was that on "Human Resources," which encompassed the Departments of Public Health, Social Welfare, Mental Hygiene, Rehabilitation, Youth Authority and Corrections as well as the Departments of Employment, Industrial Relations and Veterans' Affairs.

## Buying Power of U.S. Workers Dips

A drop in average weekly hours, combined with the continued rise in consumer prices, caused a further decline in the purchasing power of the Nation's workers between December and January, the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics has announced.

Due to a decrease in average weekly hours from 38.2 to 37.6, gross weekly earnings dropped from \$103.90 to \$103.40, for a 50 cents decline. This occurred despite a 3-cent increase in average hourly earnings from \$2.72 to \$2.75.

The 0.6 hour drop in the average workweek was attributed mainly to construction, manufacturing, and trade. In the construction industry, the workweek dropped in January by almost 2 hours to 34.7 hours. In manufacturing, the January drop was from 41.1 to

It was developed under the supervision of A. Howard McHarg, a management consultant who is with the Department on Organization of the Standard Oil Company of California.

The report estimated that \$1 million could be saved by eliminating the district offices and centralizing claim determinations in Sacramento.

But Pitts pointed out that this was not a new proposal at all.

"It has been considered repeatedly in recent years and rejected every time because the projected annual savings simply are not commensurate with the decrease in public service and the inconvenience and monetary loss that would be suffered by thousands of workers every year," Pitts said.

For the calendar year 1967, the disability program had revenues totaling \$263 million and paid out benefits totaling \$244.9 million. Its administrative costs amounted to only 4.0 percent of its revenues while the administrative costs of a comparable private disability insurance policy, excluding sales and promotion costs, is more than 9 percent," he noted.

Offices to be eliminated would include those in Eureka,

Santa Rosa, Oakland, San Francisco, San Jose, Redding, Chico, Stockton, Fresno, Bakersfield, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Glendale, Santa Monica, Van Nuys, Santa Ana, Long Beach, San Bernardino, San Diego and Whittier.

Turning to the recommendation to deny workers injured on the job the right to press their claims if their permanent disability rating is less than five percent, Pitts noted that the report estimated that this would result in a net estimated savings of \$469,000 per year.

"But this would be a drop in the bucket compared to the millions of dollars a year that would be saved by the workmen's compensation insurance companies that wouldn't have to pay these claims," he pointed out.

"And the other side of the coin that no one is supposed to look at is the fact that this particular 'savings' recommendation would be at the expense of the permanently injured workers who would be losing the millions the insurance companies save," Pitts added.

Coincidentally a number of the sponsors of the Governor's Survey on Efficiency and Cost Control happen to be insurance companies.

The fact that the report was copyrighted even though the cover carries the Great Seal of the State of California was attacked by State Senator Anthony C. Beilenson (D-Los Angeles).

"Copyrighting this survey only proves that Governor Reagan and the chairmen of the task forces—and possibly the 250-odd experts—do not understand the public role of government. They are confused, for this so-called report is no longer in the realm of private jurisdiction.

"If the Governor thinks it is, then he has become a Governor for a private group who has no responsibility to anybody but themselves.

"Government documents with the Great Seal of California belong to the public and not to the private groups who copyrights it. He cannot put the Great Seal upon the handiwork of his private backers," Beilenson said.