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Some Questions For California Voters To Weigh

Does it make good sense to put a man who flew into a tantrum against the press after his defeat for the governorship of California in 1962 into the highest office of the most powerful nation on earth?

Can voters really believe a Presidential candidate who went all the way down the line from 1949 through 1960 for the American Medical Association in opposition to Medicare and repeatedly opposed social security improvements when he promises in the heat of the 1968 Presidential campaign to improve social security benefits without saying by how much?

Will workers with decent incomes who are often both small investors and consumers get a fair shake from a Presidential candidate who sends a secret letter to big wheels on Wall

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Meany To Air Labor's View On 1968 Elections

AFL-CIO President George Meany will address union members and the public at large on key issues of the 1968 election campaign over most NBC radio outlets for four consecutive Friday nights beginning Friday, October 11.

Thos. L. Pitts, Secretary-Treasurer of the California Labor Federation, urged all trade unionists and others concerned about effective political and legislative action during the next four years to meet the nation's need to "be sure to tune in."

The 1968 election, Pitts said, "is far too critical for the future of this nation and all of its citizens to be decided on the basis of ill-founded emotional-

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All Urged to Pitch in to Aid Embattled Her-Ex Strikers

Social Security Leaflet Claim Tagged False

If you run into any unsigned leaflets claiming that a bill before Congress (HR 5710) is aimed at destroying the Social Security Act, don't be taken in by them. They're not true.

Believed to be the work of some extremist group operating along the lines of the John Birch Society, the anonymous handbills claim that HR 5710

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The 10-month old strike-lockout at the Hearst-owned Los Angeles Herald-Examiner represents a direct assault on the labor movement and must be fought by all California trade unionists, Thos. L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, said this week in letters sent to all Federation affiliates that called on all California unions to make a five-cent per member per month voluntary contribution on a sustaining basis to help win this critical fight.

This sum, amounting to only 60 cents per member per year, will enable the 2,000 union members from the 10 printing trades unions involved in the dispute to intensify and accelerate "all efforts necessary to bring this dispute to a quick

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Pitts Raps Employers' Grape Boycott Ad As Misleading

"A full page ad aimed at breaking the strike of California's long-embattled grapeworkers for decent wages and union recognition that's now appearing in a number of daily papers would make the late Nazi propaganda minister Paul Joseph Goebbels green with envy," State AFL-CIO leader Thos. L. Pitts

charged this week.

Pitts, Secretary-Treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, took issue with a paid ad costing thousands of dollars which purports to separate fact from fiction in the three-year old Delano grape strike.

He pointed out that the ad's sponsor, the California Grape and Tree Fruit League, is the same organization that's been engaged in a long and losing

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How True Are Wallace's Claims?

If current national polls are correct a sizable number of people, trade unionists among them, appear to be completely taken in by much of the rhetoric of third party candidate George Wallace.

What is the truth of the matter?

Since Wallace consistently clamors about the need for law

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Nixon's Secret Pledge to Wall Street Bared

Richard M. Nixon has assured Wall Street that it will have few, if any, worries about government regulation if he is elected President.

But the other side of this coin is that the average stock purchaser as well as the average consumer may have plenty to worry about.

Nixon, the Republican candidate, passed the word in what is being called in Washington the "Secret Letter to Wall Street," a letter to leaders of the securities industry assuring them that he will end "the heavy-handed bureaucratic regulatory schemes" of the Johnson Administration.

The letter was not made pub-

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ILGWU Series To Air Meany, Muskie and HHH

AFL-CIO President George Meany will be featured in the second in a series of four 15-minute radio programs dealing with the critical issues confronting voters in the forthcoming November 5 general election.

The series, being carried over

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Broad Probe Of Insurance Industry Urged

A thorough probe of the insurance industry aimed at enacting legislation to curb many existing abuses and bringing the entire industry under federal regulation has been urged by the State AFL-CIO.

The action was taken by some 1,500 representatives of AFL-CIO unions throughout the state at the Seventh Convention of the California Labor Federation held last month at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium, when they declared in adopting a policy statement on Consumer Protection that:

"A thorough review of the present method of handling automobile insurance premiums and cancellations is particularly needed."

Although the statement noted that "great progress" has been made during the past two years through enactment of truth-in-labeling and truth-in-lending legislation, a Meat Inspection Act, and the National Commission of Product Safety, it cited a number of areas in which further progress was necessary at the national level and said that:

"Attempts must be made to reverse the anti-consumer attitudes prevailing in the state legislature and the administrative agencies under the direction of Governor Reagan."

Specifically, the trade unionists called for:

- An effective poultry and fish inspection law.
- Legislation to replace the voluntary procedures for setting wage and quality standards of packaged products with mandatory procedures under the truth-in-labeling law.
- Legislation to ban distribution of unsolicited credit cards.
- Legislation to curb the excessive cost of prescription drugs.
- Amendment of the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to require all drugs sold for human use to meet prescribed standards of safety and quality.
- A probe at both the national and state levels of the "ever-spiralling cost of medical care."
- Creation of a federal cabinet-level consumer affairs post.

All Urged to Pitch in For Embattled Her-Ex Strikers

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and satisfactory conclusion," Pitts explained.

He pointed out that the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner Joint Strike-Lockout Council has explored every avenue available for the past 10 months to bring the Hearst management to the bargaining table but that their efforts as well as the efforts of impartial mediators have failed because the newspaper has refused to engage in meaningful negotiations.

Instead, Pitts noted, "the Herald-Examiner has imported scores of professional strike-breakers from throughout the country."

The appeal for the five cent per member per month contribution is in accord with action recommended by a special committee appointed by Pitts during the Federation's convention in Sacramento last month.

The committee's report, which was adopted without a dissenting vote, called for a broad-gauged program by the labor movement in California and nationally to bring Hearst to the bargaining table.

In urging all California unions to help "by contributing generously on a regular monthly basis until this strike is won," Pitts observed:

"Their need for help is critical. And it's not just their fight. It's ours, too!"

Checks should be made out to the Herald-Examiner Joint Strike-Lockout Council and sent to the council at 1058 South Olive Street, Los Angeles, Calif., to the attention of William Robertson, strike coordinator.

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ism or prejudice. I urge all California trade unionists and other concerned citizens to hear Mr. Meany out on the many issues involved in this campaign that are of direct and immediate importance to all wage and salary earners in our state and throughout the nation."

The five-minute broadcasts are scheduled to be carried at 7:45 p.m. Friday night, October 11, October 18, October 25 and November 1 but times may vary from one locality to another. Here is a rundown on California NBC outlets scheduled to carry the series:

CITY	STATION
Arroyo Grande	KOAG
Bakersfield	KGEE
Coachella (Palm Springs)	KCHV
Fresno	KMJ
Los Angeles	KFI
Redding	KQMS
Sacramento	KCRA
San Diego	KOGO
San Francisco	KNBR
Santa Barbara	KTMS

*Broadcast may be delayed for up to one hour.

Outreach Effort Doubles Black Apprentices

Apprentice Outreach Programs are given a big share of the credit for the doubling of the number of Negroes participating in apprenticeships in the past 18 months.

U. S. Labor Secretary Willard said an estimated 8,100 Negroes are currently in apprenticeship agencies. The Outreach programs are currently being conducted in 44 industrial areas by manpower and social action agencies in conjunction with the AFL-CIO Building & Construction Trades Councils.

KILO-CYCLES	TIME
1230	7:45 p.m.
1230	4:45 p.m.
970	unsure
580	4:45 p.m.
640	7:55 p.m.
1400	7:15 p.m.
1320	unsure
600	6:35 p.m.
680	9:45 p.m.*
1250	7:05 p.m.

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lic. An explanation from Nixon campaign headquarters said that it covered only a "narrow, policy area."

The "narrow" area involved a denunciation by Nixon of legislation aimed at forcing mutual funds to reduce their charges to investors. The bill passed the Senate over strong opposition from the mutual funds but was killed in the House Commerce Committee.

Nixon also denounced recent moves by the Securities & Exchange Commission and the Dept. of Justice that have resulted in a proposed reduction of sales commissions on stock transactions on the New York Stock Exchange.

The New York Times financial page reacted to the letter with a story commenting:

"Wall Street's immediate reaction was that the letter really was meant to be a message to the business community in general — perhaps a promise that a Nixon administration would involve the federal government less in the business community's affairs."

The story quoted a partner in a large securities firm as saying "what he has done is written a letter which, in effect, says, 'look, send me some money and we'll lift the pressure off you when we get in.'"

The Washington Post in an editorial entitled "Dreaming in Nixonland," said of the letter, "The fellows in Wall Street must have loved it."

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THOS L. PITTS, Editor

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and order and declares that "the streets of Washington, D.C. are not safe to walk at night," voters might well ask how successful Wallace was as Governor of Alabama in bringing law and order to the streets of his own state.

FBI figures show that the murder rate in Washington is 7.7 per 100,000 population, significantly above the national average of 5.6 per 100,000.

But what do you think it is in Birmingham, Alabama? It's 12.2 per 100,000.

Wallace also likes to claim he's a friend of the working man. But is this true?

U.S. Labor Department data indicates that membership in unions in the compulsory open shop state of Alabama dropped 17.3 percent between 1953 and 1964.

Or suppose you're hurt on the job in Alabama. What's the maximum weekly benefit? In California it's presently \$70 but will rise to \$87.50 on January 1, 1969. But in Alabama, the state with the lowest workmen's compensation program in the country, the maximum weekly benefit is just \$44.

In fact the workmen's compensation program in Alabama meets only one of 21 major AFL-CIO standards for a good workmen's compensation program.

In more general terms, voters presently leaning toward Wallace in the belief that he means the things he says and can do the things he claims might well ask themselves whether a friend of the working man would:

- Hike the sales tax on food to six percent after promising not to.

- Boost taxes on beer and tobacco, double the cost of drivers' licenses and triple the cost of auto tags while ramming through a law to prohibit increases in corporate taxes in Alabama except by constitutional amendment, a practical impossibility in a legislature stacked with rural legislators.

Despite Wallace's claims, the facts show overwhelmingly that he is not and never has been any friend of the average wage or salary earner.

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court battle to attempt to deny a state-ordered minimum wage of only \$1.65 to California's women farm workers. Yet the League's ad attributes to a nameless grape worker the claim that that particular worker's "average paycheck for a two-week pay period is \$2.18 per hour — more than farm workers in any other state," Pitts said.

'CLEARLY MISLEADING'

"This is clearly misleading since it infers that many workers regularly average such earnings. It is used in the ad in an attempt to maintain that it is a fiction rather than a fact that 'farm workers are underpaid, mistreated and don't enjoy the normal benefits.'"

"The facts are—and these figures can be checked in the Weekly Farm Labor Report of the California State Department of Employment—that the prevailing hourly wage rate of grape pickers is \$1.50-\$1.65 an hour and that these workers have annual earnings including whatever non-farm employment they can find, of less than \$1,500 a year," Pitts said.

"Moreover, contrary to the ad, California farm workers 'don't enjoy the normal benefits' most workers receive since they are denied collective bargaining rights, unemployment insurance benefits, and their average hourly pay, according to state statistics, is less than one-half that of the average California factory worker," he pointed out.

NAMELESS WORKER

"Beyond that, the fact that the ad was apparently paid for by the employer and attributes to a nameless grape worker the statement that 'we have no strike' flies in the face of the reality of the intensive picketing by strikers in the San Joaquin Valley for the past three years that has been repeatedly documented by the news media," Pitts said.

"Contrary to the California Grape and Tree Fruit League's claims, the AFL-CIO United Farm Workers Organizing Committee has repeatedly offered to meet with the growers but the growers have consistently refused to do so," Pitts said.

"The truth of the matter is that this ad represents an outrageous attempt to present fact as fiction and fiction as fact."

WHY NOT OK VOTE?

"If the growers who are paying thousands of dollars for these ads were in fact so confident that their workers were satisfied with their wages and working conditions, they would have no reason at all to object to a representational election among their own workers," the State AFL-CIO official said.

Pitts said that he planned to look into the legal aspects of the case, noting that there is a state law against making or disseminating untrue or misleading statements.

LAW QUOTED

The state law, Section 17500 of the California Business and Professions Code says:

"Section 17500. Making or disseminating untrue or misleading statement unlawful. It is unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or association, or any employee thereof with intent directly or indirectly to dispose of real or personal property or to perform services, professional or otherwise, or anything of any nature whatsoever or to induce the public to enter into any obligation relating thereto, to make or disseminate or cause to be made or disseminated before the public in this state, in any newspaper or other publication, or any advertising device, or by public outcry or proclamation, or in any other manner or means whatever, any statement, concerning such real or personal property or services, professional or otherwise, or concerning any circumstance or matter of fact connected with the proposed performance or disposition thereof, which is untrue or misleading, and which is known, or which by the exercise of reasonable care should be known, to be untrue or misleading, or for any such person, firm or corporation to so make or disseminate or cause to be so made or disseminated any such statement as part of a plan or scheme with the intent not

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has "already passed the House and is now in Senate hearing." They falsely declare that the measure would enable "power-mad people . . . to get their hands on the billions of dollars in the social security program in order to dole it out to their political supporters."

The handbills also claim that the bill would enable some administrator to reduce the amount of a retired worker's social security benefit or eliminate it entirely if he decided "you did not need it."

All of these claims are completely false. HR 5710 was the Johnson Administration's social security bill containing proposals for a substantial hike in social security benefits and extension of Medicare to cover disabled workers under 65. It was introduced early last year and was strongly supported by the AFL-CIO.

It did not pass the House. The House Ways and Means Committee substituted its own bill providing smaller benefits than the Administration had sought. This modified bill, HR 12080, was passed last year and HR 5710 is no longer an issue.

Trade unionists or other persons encountering these or other unfounded charges against the social security system should send them with an explanatory note of how they encountered them to the AFL-CIO Social Security Department at 815 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

One-Stop Centers

The "one-stop shopping" concept is now applied to services for the poor.

In more than 100 U. S. cities, neighborhood service centers staffed by local government agencies and private groups offer employment counseling, job training, day-care, and various social services.

to sell such personal property or services, professional or otherwise, so advertised at the price stated therein or as so advertised."

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Street promising to relax regulations that were developed out of bitter experience over the years to protect the public?

Bearing in mind that the Reagan Administration's so-called "voluntary" approach to reducing government costs called on state employees to forego their holidays, do many thinking citizens really believe that the enormous urban problems confronting the nation can be met without strong federal direction and assistance?

Does a sensible voter want as President of the United States a man who:

- Cast the tie-breaking vote in the Senate in 1958 to boost interest rates on GI mortgages?
- Fought against fair tax reform by opposing repeal of the dividend income tax credits in 1960?

• As Vice President in 1960 cast the tie-breaking vote in the Senate against federal aid to education?

• Has proved repeatedly during the past eight years that his grasp of foreign affairs is extremely shallow? Witness his prediction just prior to the Israeli-Arab war that there would "be no war in the Middle East" and once it broke out that it would "be a long one."

In short, does the thoughtful voter really want such a man as Richard M. Nixon for President of the United States?

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all regular NBC radio outlets in California as well as throughout the nation began yesterday with a talk by President Johnson. The upcoming programs will be carried each Thursday between now and the election and will feature President Meany on October 17, Senator Edmund S. Muskie on October 24, and Democratic Presidential nominee Hubert H. Humphrey on October 31.

The programs, all sponsored by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union's 1968 Campaign Committee, will be carried on all 11 NBC network stations in California. The

'HUMPHREY: A Clear Choice'

On November 5, the American people will choose their President for the next four years. They can vote for either—

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY, a staunch friend of the worker throughout his public life and a supporter of unions in good times and bad; or

RICHARD M. NIXON, friend of corporations and the wealthy and a co-author of the Taft-Hartley Act; or

GEORGE C. WALLACE, a racist and demagogue, once governor of a state known for low wages, poor working conditions and weak unions.

Their campaigns are as different as the men themselves and as different as their records.

Humphrey has run on his record as a proven liberal, talking to the country of his plans and programs, and his party's platform—one that is sound, sensible and achievable.

NIXON DUCKS ISSUES

Nixon has failed to discuss any major issues; refused to debate; placed an embargo on questions about key problems; adopted the Dewey technique of pretending he is above political discussions. His party's platform is one of reactionary generalities designed to appease the Strom Thurmonds in the party.

Wallace has offered no programs or proposals except racism; has attacked every liberal law and sought to arouse fear and prejudice. He has no platform, but is attempting to divide America at a time when division aids only the enemies of the United States.

Humphrey's campaign has been hampered by a concerted, well-planned and well-financed attempt to drown out his voice and his reasoned discussion. In state after state, the same groups of loud-mouthed disrupters—calling themselves liberals—have attempted to keep their fellow citizens from even hearing Humphrey's words.

Nixon's campaign has been marked by the most expensive, well-planned, blanket of political advertisements on television, radio and in the press in the nation's history. He has substituted glamour and razzle-dazzle for discussion.

A LITANY OF FEAR

Wallace's campaign has been confined to a single speech—repeated endlessly—which can only be characterized as a litany of fear.

How should workers judge these three men? The AFL-CIO believes they should be judged on their records.

Humphrey's appeal has been honest and forthright. He has asked for labor's support on the basis of his 100 percent record of support for labor. He has been the worker's friend and he deserves the workers' support now.

Nixon has attempted to conceal his record and avoid the issues. He has promised to support tax

The AFL-CIO last week released the text of an editorial, signed by President George Meany, appearing in the October issue of the American Federationist, the official monthly magazine of the AFL-CIO. In the interest of sharpening the focus on what's at stake in the Nov. 5, election, it is reprinted here.

gimmicks to make America's profit-swollen corporations even more profitable.

LOOK AT WALLACE'S RECORD

The Wallace record is the record of Alabama—naked race discrimination, low wage rates, high crime rates, poor compensation for workers when they are unemployed or injured on the job, poor schools, little help for the poverty stricken and high taxes for workers and low taxes for corporations.

What would be the result if each were elected?

Wallace would undertake to smash America's unions—for they stand as a firm bulwark against dictatorship and the only way Wallace could redeem his promises would be as a dictator.

Nixon would seek to pass the anti-union bills now pending in the Congress—many authored by Strom Thurmond, the man who engineered Nixon's nomination.

Humphrey would be a liberal, as he has been during all his public life, dedicated to improving and extending the legislative victories workers have won in the eight years of John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson. Unions would grow, union-won benefits would be improved and America would continue to move forward.

HUMPHREY MERITS SUPPORT

To American workers, the choice must be clear. Humphrey deserves, should have and will have our enthusiastic support.

One more point must be added:

Wallace has no chance of victory. Every vote he receives outside the South is really a vote for Nixon.

Few self-respecting trade union members would ever vote for Nixon, but any union member who allows his fears to outweigh his judgment and casts his vote for Wallace is only aiding Nixon.

I am confident the workers will weigh all the facts. They will realize that everything they have won because they were united in their unions can be taken away by an anti-union President. They will realize that medicare, social security, aid to education, decent housing legislation, a good minimum wage bill—all of their legislative victories—will be in danger.

I am confident that when workers consider the alternatives they will vote for their friends—Hubert H. Humphrey for President and Edmund S. Muskie for Vice President.

That is the way to victory—for workers, for America, and for the free world.

program will be carried each Thursday for the next three weeks on the following stations at the following times:

Arroyo Grande, KOAG, 7:45 p.m.
Fresno, KMJ, 6:45 p.m.
Los Angeles, KFI, 7:45 p.m.

Redding, KQMS, 7:45 p.m.
Sacramento, KCRA, 4:45 p.m.
San Francisco, KNBR, 4:45 p.m.