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Labor at the Legislature

From the Capitol Office of the Executive Secretary

The Assembly Commerce and Public Utilities Committee faces a full calendar next Monday, May 18, including five bills supported by Labor. AB 1463, authored by Assemblyman Edwin Z'berg (D-Sacramento), would require that every rate reduction and rebate gained by a public utility from its suppliers shall be returned to its customers, subject to conditions approved by the Public Utilities Commission; AB 1898, by Assemblyman John Foran (D-San Francisco), would regulate travel promoters' financial operations and advertising; AB 1683, introduced by Assemblyman David Roberti (D-Los Angeles), would require all transmission lines to be put underground or underwater if feasible as soon as possible. AB 2263 by Assemblyman John Burton (D-San Francisco), would require any public utility or public or municipal utility district to pay 6 percent simple interest on any cash deposits required as a condition for service; and AB 2264, also by Burton, would prohibit a telephone corporation from charging more for credit card calls than for regular long distance calls.

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The Assembly Judiciary Committee is scheduled to take up three bills authored by Assemblywoman Yvonne Brathwaite (D-Los Angeles) on Monday. These bills are: AB 1224 to increase from \$300 to \$500 the maximum monetary amount within the jurisdiction of small claims courts; AB 1225 to increase from \$125 to \$300 the minimum monetary amount, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, which must be claimed before attachment will issue in any action; and AB 1602 which relates to secret attachments. Labor supports these measures.

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Unruh Warns Conference of Right-to-Work Threat

The 1970 elections represent "no smaller crisis" for trade unionists than did the 1958 "right-to-work" battle, Jess Unruh warned more than 400 California union leaders this week.

Addressing a Joint Legislative Conference called to seek action on the state's deepening unemployment crisis, Unruh

warned that the threat to California workers today "comes from the dishonesty and neglect that characterizes this Administration from top to bottom."

In justifying his charge, Unruh pointed to the "insidious shift" of taxes from banks and corporations, which, he said, are now

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JESS UNRUH STEPS TO THE ROSTRUM to address more than 400 California union officials taking part in a three-day legislative conference on the state's unemployment crisis at the Woodlake Inn in Sacramento. Welcoming him are (from left) Albin J. Gruhn, President of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO; John F. Henning, the Federation's Executive Secretary-Treasurer; and (at right) James Lee, President of the California State Building and Construction Trades Council. Unruh attacked Governor Reagan for starving the state's school system, cited the need for a boost in unemployment benefits and pointed out that campus violence has increased rather than diminished since Reagan's election despite Reagan's promise to end it. The Governor "has no answer other than to escalate violence by the violence of his own words," Unruh said.

Labor Urges Action Now to Meet Jobless Crisis

The state administration must act immediately to meet California's unemployment crisis.

That was the message driven home to California's state legislators this week at a three-day Joint Legislative Conference sponsored by the California Labor Federation and the California State Building and Con-

struction Trades Council at the Woodlake Inn in Sacramento.

Calling attention to the fact that California's seasonally adjusted jobless rate jumped from 5.1 percent to 5.5 percent last month and "is moving up" John F. Henning, executive officer of the State AFL-CIO, opened the conference Monday saying:

"We insist that attention be given to California's unemployment crisis."

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Council Vote Backs Nixon

The AFL-CIO National Executive Council this week voted to support President Nixon's present Cambodia policy.

Nixon visited AFL-CIO Headquarters to explain his policies

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Labor Support for Unruh Mounts As Names Roll In

Labor support for Jess Unruh for Governor was snowballing this week.

John F. Henning, chairman of the California Labor Committee to Elect Jess Unruh Governor, which was just announced last week, said that scores of additional key trade union leaders throughout the state have joined the Committee and that the total is now well over 400.

"This mounting support reflects a recognition by a broad cross-section of organized labor that the 'cut, squeeze, and trim' policies of the Reagan Administration have been made largely in behalf of the state's corporate interests and at the expense of California's millions of wage and salary earners.

"It also reflects the fact that California workers want their public agencies to serve them instead of the industries some of them, such as the State Public Utilities Commission, are supposed to be policing."

The following is a partial list of the membership of the Committee arranged in alphabetical order by last names:

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Y and Z — George A. Yale; Leyton E. Youngclaus; Mary L. Yunt; and Walt Zagajski.

Labor at the Legislature

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Five good bills on workmen's compensation are scheduled to be presented to a subcommittee on workmen's compensation of the Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee on Wednesday, May 20. Four of these measures were authored by Assemblyman Jack Fenton (D-Montebello). They are AB 1713, AB 1714, AB 2238 and AB 2239. The other bill, AB 1804, was introduced by Assemblyman Leon Ralph (D-Los Angeles).

Four good consumer protection bills are on the agenda of the Senate Business and Professions Committee on Thursday, May 21, in Room 4040 at the Capitol. These are SB 436 by Senator Alfred Song (D-Monterey Park); SB 920 and SB 921, both by Senator Milton Marks (R-San Francisco); and SB 1351 by Senator Anthony Beilenson (D-Los Angeles). All deal with providing the buyer with better warranty protections.

AB 1952, a Federation-sponsored safety bill, is scheduled for a hearing before the Assembly Labor Relations Committee on Thursday, June 11. This bill, introduced by Assemblyman Robert Crown (D-Oakland), would require employers to station another employee at a manhole entrance when work is being performed underground.

AB 487, the Federation's bill to require the Division of Industrial Safety to give the complaining party a copy of its report and findings, has been rescheduled for a hearing on Tuesday, May 26 in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee. It was put over because of the heavy calendar of bills for two weeks.

A Plug for the System

"I thank God that we have a system of labor where there can be a strike." — Abraham Lincoln.

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But, he noted, despite the fact that more than half a million workers were jobless in February, there has as yet been "no indication that relief is coming from the national or state administrations."

On the contrary, Henning observed, there seems to be "great indifference" on the part of the Reagan Administration to the plight of the hundreds of thousands of Californians who are jobless.

The first day's session was devoted to a review of legislation introduced by the State AFL-CIO designed to improve the state's social insurance programs and other legislation being sought to meet particular problems in the construction industry by the State Building and Construction Trades Council.

Henning presented and explained the various bills in the Federation's 1970 legislative program and cited the need to seek support for AB 559, the bill to outlaw the use of professional strikebreakers.

Charles P. Scully, the Federation's general counsel, emphasized that the Federation's social insurance bills to improve the state's unemployment insurance, disability insurance and workmen's compensation programs are only designed to return the level of benefits to the level at which they began a generation ago.

"It's nothing new," he said.

But he stressed the need for the trade unionists participating in the conference to emphasize during their visits with the legislators that the cost of the improvements in jobless benefits sought—although amounting to millions of dollars—are small compared to the size of the payrolls involved.

Scully pointed out that in 1936 the total payroll in employment covered by unemployment insurance was \$1.5 billion and that every penny of that sum was subject to the UI tax. But in 1969, he said, the total payroll in covered employment was \$40.7 billion and only \$21.2 billion was subject to the tax.

Moreover, the ratio of taxable wages to total wages in 1969 was only 52.4 percent, the lowest ratio since the beginning of the program.

To underscore the need for

action this year on seven measures sponsored by the Federation and introduced by Assemblyman Leon Ralph (D-Los Angeles), the Federation pointed out that the benefit was set at 50 percent of the average weekly wage up to a maximum of \$30 under the original law passed in 1935 and that this rose to 58 percent of the average weekly wage in 1940. But last

REUTHER MOURNED

The opening session of the Joint Legislative Conference was recessed at noon Monday with a moment of silence in memory of Walter P. Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers, who was killed in a plane crash in Pellston, Mich., last Saturday.

In taking the action, John F. Henning, Executive Officer of the California State AFL-CIO, described Reuther as "one of the truly great figures of American labor history."

Memorial services were scheduled to be held at noon Sunday, May 17 in MacArthur Park in Los Angeles and at 3:00 P.M. Sunday, May 17 at UAW Local 1364 at 45201 Fremont Blvd. in Fremont.

year the present maximum benefit of \$65 a week equaled only 44 percent of the average weekly wage.

Moreover, the average weekly benefit actually paid last year dropped to only 35.5 percent of average weekly wages.

Similar detailed presentations were made in behalf of the Federation's bills to improve the state's disability insurance and workmen's compensation programs that protect workers suffering off or on the job disabilities.

James Lee, president of the State Building and Construction Trades Council, reminded the trade union officials of the importance of the 1970 elections when he pointed out that under present national and state administration policies, "the only thing we have to face is high interest rates and high unemployment."

He suggested that it's time to "give Ronald Reagan his old job back again.

"Let him go back to driving

the 20 mule team," Lee said, referring to a program Reagan emceed before jumping into politics.

Other speakers at the conference included Senate President Pro Tem Jack Schrade who expressed deep concern about the state's unemployment problem and pledged to work for improvements; State Building and Construction Trades Council P. H. McCarthy, who provided a rundown on the building trades' bills; and Dick Mansfield, legislative representative of the State Council of Carpenters.

The conference participants spent all day Tuesday drumming up support for the various measures among the state's legislators.

The conference concluded following a dinner with scores of the state's legislators Tuesday night and a report session Wednesday.

Senate Panel Takes SB 774 Under Submission

SB 774, a Federation-backed bill that would protect union members from being forced to take a job with an employer not covered by their bargaining agreement on pain of losing their unemployment insurance eligibility, was taken under submission by the Senate Committee on Industrial Relations on Tuesday.

The bill, introduced by Senator Milton Marks (R-San Francisco), would allow unemployment compensation benefits to be paid an individual who is unable to find a job covered by a collective bargaining contract with the union to which he belongs.

This would permit an unemployed union member to refuse a non-union job without adversely affecting his eligibility for jobless benefits because the non-union job would not be considered "suitable work" under the Unemployment Insurance Code.

The measure faced stiff opposition from the Merchants and Manufacturers Association, the California Conference of Employer Associations and the

Haggerty To Speak At Pitts' Testimonial

C. J. (Neil) Haggerty, President of the National AFL-CIO Building and Construction Trades Department, will be the principal speaker at a testimonial dinner to be held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Thursday, June 25 to honor Thomas L. Pitts, who retired last March as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO.

A similar testimonial dinner in Pitts' honor will be held at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco on Thursday, June 11. The principal speaker for the San Francisco dinner has not yet been announced.

Council Vote Backs Nixon

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to the Executive Council Tuesday.

The 35-member Council subsequently voted to support the President's decision. AFL-CIO President Meany said that three votes were cast against the Council's action and that there was one abstention.

In reply to a reporter's query, Meany noted that he had earlier personally endorsed the President's decision and Nixon's explanation that the action in Cambodia was necessary to assure continuing withdrawal of U. S. troops from Vietnam and to protect U. S. troops still there.

Meany said he would be opposed to Nixon if he thought it was a deliberate policy to escalate the war.

California State Chamber of Commerce.

Affiliates are urged to contact the members of the Senate Industrial Relations Committee to ask them to support SB 774. The members of the committee are: Chairman Alan Short (D-Stockton); John Harmer (R-Glendale); Clark Bradley (R-San Jose); Lou Cusanovich (R-Sherman Oaks); Ralph Dills (D-San Pedro); H. L. Richardson (R-Arcadia); Albert Rodda (D-Sacramento); and Alfred Song (D-Monterey Park.)

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paying 30 percent less while the average California taxpayer is paying 30 percent more.

He also rapped "Ronald Reagan's minions" for voting to give the oil industry a \$12 million bonanza while insisting that "not a single penny" was available for the state's schools.

Referring to the fact that Governor Reagan talks repeatedly about getting people off welfare, Unruh said:

"I think we should get people off welfare too," but, he pointed out, "we don't even have jobs for 600,000 Californians who want to work and are actively looking for work."

CHILD CARE ISSUE

He also suggested that it was rather empty for the Reagan Administration to talk about getting welfare mothers off the welfare rolls without providing adequate child care facilities for their children.

In commenting on the jobless crisis and the deepening recession presently confronting both California and the nation at large, the veteran Assembly leader said:

"It took Warren Harding, Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover some 12 years to bring the nation's economy to a halt. But Richard Nixon did it in just 15 months."

INCREASE FAVORED

Noting that there has been no increase in unemployment insurance for the past five years and that inflation has already depreciated jobless benefits by some 25 percent, Unruh said:

"I think we ought to have a 50 percent increase in unemployment insurance benefits."

Unruh, the COPE-endorsed candidate for Governor, also reminded the 400 trade unionists gathered at the Woodlake Inn in Sacramento that Reagan had promised to cut taxes and clean up the mess in Berkeley. But instead, he said, the state's taxpayers have been saddled with the biggest tax increase in the history of this or any other state and campus disorders have multiplied rather than diminished.

In fact, he declared:

"The Reagan Administration has done a better job of radicalizing the students of our society than the SDS (Students

for a Democratic Society) ever dreamed of."

Unruh reminded the trade unionists that conservative domination of both houses of the legislature coupled with an anti-worker Governor could result in imposition of a compulsory open shop law on all California workers.

To prevent this, he called on trade unionists throughout the state to dedicate "every ounce of energy, every spare nickel you can to begin to turn the country around in 1970 so we can turn the Presidency around in 1972."

Reagan Urged To Set Up Panel To Meet School Crisis

Appointment of a broadly based committee to meet the state's educational crisis is being urged by John F. Henning, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO.

In view of the closure of the state's universities and colleges last week in the wake of the Kent State tragedy, Henning wired Governor Reagan last Saturday to urge him to appoint a committee of up to 25 people to cope with the crisis.

He suggested the committee should include representatives of labor, the business community, the minority community, the news media, the legislature, the religious community and the educational community, including student and faculty spokesmen.

In elaborating on his suggestion in an address to the annual convention of the California Labor Press Association at the Del Coronado Hotel in Coronado, Henning said that the state's current educational crisis "is too much for the capacity of any one man to solve—too much for any man who holds that office whether it would be the present Governor or either of the Democratic aspirants."

Earlier in his speech, Henning had reminded the labor editors that their mission, unlike that of the commercial press, is "to instruct as well as to report" and he suggested that the workers of California and the nation at large need to be informed that the current

In an obvious reference to the vast financial resources available to some conservative candidates, Unruh pointed out that there is no way that candidates seeking to protect the public interest can raise sufficient money to compete on a media basis with them.

The only way progressive candidates can win, he suggested, is to "take politics back to the precincts."

In introducing Unruh, John F. Henning, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, urged the assembled labor leaders to

do everything possible to support Unruh's candidacy.

"We need a man who will stop the war on the university students of this state," Henning said.

"Jess Unruh has the experience, the maturity, and the progressive philosophy" that a Governor of California needs, he added.

The three-day joint conference, which ended Wednesday, was sponsored by the California Labor Federation and the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California.

"runaway inflation" is "profit inflation" and that the blame for it belongs at the door of the national administration and the nation's corporate community.

"What are the two historic, classical causes of inflation?" he asked.

"Shortage of goods, shortage of workers. . . .

"We have no shortage of goods. We have an abundance—a surplus of goods," he said.

"Shortage of workers? That is also a handmaiden of total war," he declared.

But he pointed out that there are almost four million jobless workers nationally and that half a million were jobless in California as of February.

"There is no shortage of workers," he said.

"So the inflation that is the burden of our country today is not the classical inflation of America nor of continental history. Not at all. It's profit inflation," Henning explained.

This is reflected in the fact that between 1960 and 1969 corporate profits after taxes increased 94 percent while the weekly average take home pay of workers after taxes increased only 35 percent, he noted.

And that, he said is why the origins of the nation's urban crisis are with the Administration in Washington which decided to slow the economy by monetary and fiscal means.

In fact, Henning said:

"We can't really appreciate the nature of the urban crisis unless we understand that the urban crisis is Richard Nixon.

The urban crisis is Spiro Agnew. And the urban crisis is Ronald Reagan.

"Their policies represent economic recession, social anarchy. And the burden of economic recession and the terrors of social anarchy fall most severely upon urban America," he noted.

The three-day labor editors' conference included a workshop on layout and a special critique of individual labor publications by Al Fortune, art director of Oxford Press, and a panel discussion on the urban crisis last Saturday afternoon.

The conference, which attracted more than 40 labor editors from throughout the state, concluded following a business session last Sunday morning.

Assembly OKs Fed's Food Additive Bill

AB 565, a consumer protection bill sponsored by the California Labor Federation which would require restaurant menus to indicate if chemical tenderizers are added to food sold, has been approved by the Assembly by a 52 to 1 vote and sent to the Senate.

John W. Meritt, secretary of the California State Council of Culinary Workers, and the staff of the California Labor Federation have worked for some time to develop affirmative support for AB 565.

The bill's author, Assemblywoman Yvonne Brathwaite, (D-Los Angeles) has also been most effective in spearheading the move to win passage of AB 565.