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Labor at the Legislature

From The Capitol Office Of The Executive Secretary

The Assembly has adopted a resolution calling for a recess of the Legislature over the Memorial Day holiday and the June 2 primary election.

The resolution, ACR 146, is expected to be approved by the Senate. It calls for the legislature to adjourn May 28 and reconvene June 3 at 2 p.m.

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The Assembly Labor Relations Committee is scheduled to take up legislation affecting organized labor in its meeting on Thursday, May 28. But the Federation's bill to outlaw professional strikebreakers in California, AB 559 introduced by David Roberti (D-Los Angeles), has been put over to June 11. Two of the bills to be taken up May 28 are classified as "Good." They are: AB 268 by Edwin L. Z'berg (D-West Sacramento), which would require an employer who deducts or collects union dues from an employee's salary to place the funds in a

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Reagan Funds Top Unruh's by More Than 5-1

An inkling of the steep uphill battle that must be waged to elect Jess Unruh Governor was indicated late last week when reports filed with the Secretary of State's office disclosed that Governor Reagan's reelection campaign has already received more than five times as much as Unruh's.

Moreover, the list of contributions shows that big chunks of Reagan's funds have come from a number of employers who helped finance the union-

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Push for Action to Update U. I. Setup Now — Henning

Immediate action to get the state legislature to modernize California's unemployment insurance system was urged by John F. Henning, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, this week.

In letters sent to all Federation affiliates, Henning pointed out that the state AFL-

CIO's legislative campaign "to give relief to hundreds of thousands of jobless workers and modernize this state's unemployment insurance system now rests with the Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee." He urged all affiliates to contact Committee members as soon as possible to urge

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State COPE Pamphlets On Way to Trade Unionists

More than a million copies of California Labor COPE's Primary Endorsement Pamphlet were mailed directly to the homes of AFL-CIO union members throughout the state this week as the primary election campaigns of scores of COPE-endorsed statewide, congressional and legislative district candidates entered the home stretch.

With little more than a week to go before the primary election on June 2, the California

Labor COPE pamphlet provides AFL-CIO union workers with the recommendations made after local COPE Committees throughout the state had interviewed hundreds of candidates in depth to determine those most likely to provide effective representation in Sacramento and Washington for the interests of the working people of this state.

The pamphlet, featuring Jess Unruh and Alfred Alquist, the COPE-endorsed candidates for

Governor and Lt. Governor on the front cover, also includes California Labor COPE's endorsements for U. S. Senator—George E. Brown, Jr. and John V. Tunney—as well as other statewide offices.

The pamphlet also includes the recommendations of the California Labor Federation on the eight statewide ballot propositions. The Federation is recommending a "Yes" vote on Propositions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7,

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Top Teamster Leaders Join Labor Committee for Unruh

The top leaders of the Teamsters Union in California have accepted positions on the Executive Committee of the California Labor Committee to Elect Jess Unruh Governor, John F. Henning, Committee Chairman and executive officer of the State AFL-CIO, announced today.

Speakers Named For Pitts' Dinners

Einar Mohn, Director of the Western Conference of Teamsters, and Thomas A. Small, a Vice President of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, will be the principal speakers at the testimonial dinner at the

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"Their decision follows action taken recently by the Teamsters' three joint councils in California which endorsed Unruh and indicates that the labor movement is solidly behind his candidacy," Henning said.

"It also underscores the growing recognition by all elements of organized labor in California that political unity is essential to protect the wages and work-

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24 Win \$500 Scholarships in Fed Contest

Winners of 24 \$500 scholarship awards offered in the 20th annual scholarship competition sponsored by the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, were announced yesterday.

The winners triumphed over more than 1,200 seniors in 448 public and private high schools who participated in the competition in a two-hour exam conducted last month.

Geographically, there were 13 winners from Northern California, including three in San Francisco, two each in Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara and Solano Counties and one each from Monterey and San Mateo, and 11 from Southern California, including six in Los Angeles County, three in Orange County and one each in Riverside and

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separate trust account to be used only for union dues; and AB 1383 by Leo McCarthy (D-San Francisco), which would require the Division of Industrial Safety to investigate within 48 hours after receipt of a written complaint that a place of employment is not safe.

Bills opposed by organized labor that are scheduled to be heard by the same committee May 28 are: AB 1096, by Robert Wood (R-Salinas) which would delete some of the safeguards now established in the employment of minors; AB 1501, by Clare Berryhill (R-Mo desto), a pay-delay measure; AB 1198, by William Ketchum (R-Bakersfield), which would remove provisions prohibiting employment of minors under 16 if the minor is operating tractors or other farm machinery; and AB 1176, by John Briggs (R-Fullerton), which would delete restrictions on the maximum weight a female employee may be requested or permitted to lift or move.

A hearing on AB 755, by Robert Badham (R-Newport Beach), which would prohibit professional picketing has been put over until June 11 by the same committee.

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ing conditions of all California workers," he added.

The five Teamster leaders joining the Executive Committee of the California Labor Committee to Elect Jess Unruh Governor are:

Joe Diviny of San Francisco, 1st International Vice President of the Union and President of Teamsters Joint Council No. 7;

George E. Mock of Sacramento, also an International Vice President of the Union and Secretary of the California Team-

sters Legislative Council;

John H. Dillon, President of Teamsters Joint Council 38 of Stockton;

Ted Merrill of Los Angeles, President of Joint Council 42; and,

Jack Goldberger of San Francisco, an International Representative and Vice President of Joint Council 7.

More than 450 key trade union leaders throughout the state have already agreed to serve on the Committee and more are signing up daily, Henning said.

Two More Bad Bills Introduced

Two bad measures introduced after the April 3 deadline for the unlimited introduction of bills are being followed during the current session of the legislature by the California Labor Federation.

They are SB 1416 and AJR 45.

SB 1416, introduced May 13 by Senator Donald L. Grunsky (R-Watsonville) would provide that any person who pickets or parades in or near a building housing a court of this state with intent to interfere with, obstruct, or impede the administration of justice or with the intent to influence any judge, juror, witness, or officer of the court in the discharge of their duty would be guilty of a mis-

demeanor. The Federation has designated this bill as "SL-Bad."

AJR 45, introduced May 11 by Assemblyman E. Richard Barnes (R-San Diego), calls on Congress to propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to prohibit the federal government from engaging in business in competition with its citizens and to abolish the personal income, estate and gift taxes. It would specify that the constitution or laws of any state or federal laws are not subject to foreign or domestic agreement that would abrogate such an amendment. The Federation has classified the measure, which has been referred to the Assembly Rules Committee, as "SL-Bad."

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busting, right-to-work proposition that was defeated by nearly a million votes in 1958.

The report showed that Reagan has received contributions totaling \$987,797, the bulk of it from wealthy individual supporters and blue chip California companies.

Unruh, the COPE-endorsed candidate has received just \$183,084.

Included among those who have contributed thousands of dollars each to Reagan's campaign kitty are three members of the Governor's so-called "kitchen cabinet" who also contributed to the attempt to impose a compulsory open shop law on all California workers 12 years ago. They are: Holmies Tuttle, a Los Angeles auto dealer; Leonard Firestone, a tire company executive; and Jacqueline Hume, a San Francisco food company executive.

Other members of Reagan's kitchen cabinet who were listed as kicking in similar substantial sums to Reagan's fund are: Henry Salvatori, head of an oil exploration company who has long been active behind the scenes in behalf of ultra-conservative candidates in California politics; and Taft Schreiber, who served as Reagan's agent while he was acting in the motion picture industry.

Speakers Named For Pitts' Dinners

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Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco on June 11 in honor of Thomas L. Pitts.

Pitts, a union leader in California for more than 34 years, retired last March after serving as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the State AFL-CIO for the past decade.

Former Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown will join C. J. (Neil) Haggerty, president of the National AFL-CIO Building and Construction Trades Department, as one of the principal speakers at a similar dinner in Pitts' honor to be held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles on Thursday, June 25.

Reagan's PUC OK's Rate Hikes Ranging to 73 Pct.

The California State Public Utilities Commission has just granted rate increases ranging up to 73 percent to three privately owned utilities serving parts of Marin, Alameda, Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties.

The rate hikes, which will cost residential customers of the Inverness Water Company in Marin County \$20.20 every two months instead of \$11.70—a 73 percent boost and nearly every penny the company sought, were authorized by a four to one vote of the state PUC.

All four of Governor Reagan's appointees to the Commission voted for the rate boost. Opposed was Commissioner A. W. Gatov, the only remaining appointee of Governor Brown who charged that the increases are "unfair, unreasonable, improper, and not supported by the record."

Gatov also pointed out that the PUC's majority opinion on the increases was not supported by PUC hearing examiner Carol T. Coffey and that the increases will not result in any

substantial improvement in the service provided by the water companies.

The board authorized a 67 percent increase for Citizens Utilities' Company customers at Niles, Decoto and in parts of Fremont and Union City in Alameda County, and a 16 percent boost for the same company's customers at Montara, Farallone City, Moss Beach, and Marine View in San Mateo County.

It also authorized a 16 percent hike for the Los Altos Water Co. in Santa Clara County.

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San Diego Counties.

For the first time in the 20-year history of the competition, four California high schools had two winners each: Del Valle High in Walnut Creek in Contra Costa County; Bishop Amat Memorial High in La Puente in Los Angeles County; Foothill High in Santa Ana in Orange County; and Lowell High in San Francisco.

The winners, listed alphabetically by counties are:

Alameda County—Kevin Bruce Kenyon, 18, 106 San Diego Road, NAS, Alameda, of Encinal High in Alameda; and Nancy Sackman, 17, 576 The Alameda, Berkeley, of Berkeley High.

Contra Costa County—Steven A. Rasmussen, 17, 3215 Gold Court, Lafayette, of Del Valle High in Walnut Creek; and Robert W. Rydell, 17, 20 Joann Court, Walnut Creek, also of Del Valle High.

Los Angeles County—Michael Colton, 17, 11649 Verada Ave., Granada Hills, of Granada Hills High; A. Lani Daniels, 17, 5104 Onyx St., Torrance, of West High in Torrance; John R. Ebner, 18, 16738 Dubesor St., La Puente, of Bishop Amat Memorial High in La Puente; Daniel Gutman, 17, 5120 Greenbush Ave., Sherman Oaks of Grant High in Van Nuys; Arthur D. Olson, 17, 330 E. Dryden St., No. 18, Glendale of Herbert Hoover High in Glendale; and Lawrence A. Palinkas, 17, 1018 W. Oakdale St., West Covina, also of Bishop Amat Memorial High in La Puente.

Monterey County — Sharon Mah, 17, 118 San Jose St., Salinas, of Salinas High.

Orange County—Daniel Musser, 18, 2117 El Rancho Vista, Fullerton, of Servite High in Anaheim; Randall N. Sherman, 18, 13612 Hewes Ave., Santa Ana and Foothill High in Santa Ana; and Susan C. Taylor, 17, 11932 Marble Arch, Santa Ana, also of

Foothill High.

Riverside County—Richard M. Dahlgren, 17, 332 Sunset Way, Palm Springs of Palm Springs High.

San Francisco County—Daniel L. Aseltine, 17, 763 - 36th Ave., San Francisco, of St. Ignatius College Preparatory School; Robert Hurd, 17, 1754 - 35th Ave., of Lowell High; and Philip R. Matthews, 17, 27 Lakeshore Dr., San Francisco, also of Lowell High.

San Mateo County — Andrew Dowsett, 17, 1451 Crespi Dr., Pacifica, of Terra Nova High in Pacifica.

San Diego County—Stephen W. Subber, 17, 10412 San Vicente Blvd., Spring Valley, of Monte Vista High in Spring Valley.

Santa Clara County—Eric Hemmel, 17, 244 South El Monte, Los Altos, of Los Altos High; and Marybeth Larson, 17, 1184 Crescent Dr., San Jose, of Willow Glen High in San Jose.

Solano County—Patricia Her-ring, 18, 105 Jalisco St., Vacaville, of Vacaville High; and Linda R. Ramsey, 17, 2013 Robin Dr., Fairfield, of Fairfield High.

John F. Henning, executive officer of the State AFL-CIO, sent his congratulations to each of the winners and pointed out that the \$500 awards may be applied at any accredited college or university of the winner's choice. No restrictions are placed on the future course of study undertaken by the winners, he pointed out.

The contest is sponsored each year by the California Labor Federation and a number of its affiliates to help high school students obtain a better understanding of the extent to which organized labor is involved in the social and economic life of the nation.

The examination is designed to explore the student's knowledge of the structure of the AFL-CIO, the labor movement, its history, philosophy and goals.

Of the 24 scholarships awarded this year, 21 were made available through the direct co-sponsorship of the following Federation affiliates:

Butchers Union Local 120, Oakland; Butchers Union Local 498, Sacramento; California State Association of Journeymen Barbers, Hairdressers, Cosmetologists, Masseurs and Guilds; the competition.

the California State Conference of Operating Engineers of the IUOE; Carpenters Ladies Auxiliary, California State Council; 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; Federated Fire Fighters of California; Los Angeles Building and Construction Trades Council;

Los Angeles District Council of Carpenters; Los Angeles District Council of Painters No. 36 —Roderick Mackenzie Scholarship Award; Marine Cooks and Stewards Union AFL-CIO; Northern California District Council of Laborers; Southern California District Council of Laborers; United Cannery and Industrial Workers of the Pacific —James Waugh Memorial Scholarship; United Transportation Union, California State Legislative Board; and the Western Federation of Butchers.

The other three scholarships are sponsored by the Federation.

Serving on the panel of judges for the 1970 competition were: Jack Blackburn, Coordinator of Labor Programs, Center for Labor Research and Education, Institute of Industrial Relations at the University of California in Los Angeles; Michael B. Lehmann, Assistant Professor of Economics, University of San Francisco; and Leland S. Russell, Chairman of the Joint Study Committee on Guidance of the California Association of Secondary School Administrators of Lafayette.

Henning expressed his thanks to the local unions, central bodies and school officials throughout the state who cooperated with the Federation in encouraging participation in the contest this year. He noted that a record 2,248 students submitted applications to take part in

A Four Point Program for State's Crises

A four point program to cope with California's burgeoning crises in unemployment, environmental pollution, health care and urban unrest was spelled out last Saturday by John F. Henning, executive officer of the California Labor Federation, in an address to the California Pipe Trades Council's Convention in Bakersfield.

Specifically, Henning called for:

1—Creation of a State Council of Economic Advisors that would have as its primary purpose the development of a full employment economy.

2—Elevation of planning for human resources to a priority above that of planning for material resources, private speculation and private profit.

Henning said that this would mean that such things as social planning for schools, hospitals and recreation facilities and planning for water, land, and reclamation projects would be undertaken on the basis of the people's needs and environmental integrity.

Such planning should involve both public action and private enterprise, he said.

3—Establishment of a shelf of public projects in the educational, medicare, road building, power, and water areas to meet requirements private enterprise cannot satisfy.

Activation of such projects could be used to help balance anticipated job layoffs in California's aerospace and defense industries and counteract the state's rising unemployment rate, he explained.

Proper placement of such projects could do much to solve the needs of sectional unemployment, he said.

4—Adoption of the California Labor Federation's program to modernize the state's unemployment insurance system which is now before the state legislature.

Wage Disparity

The median income of Negro men 25 to 54 years old who have completed four years of high school was lower than that for white men in this age group who have completed only eight years of elementary school.

Ability Counts

Handicapped workers prove that ability counts. Department of Labor findings show that they compare favorably with able-bodied co-workers in production, efficiency, safety, and attendance. Their turnover rate in jobs is also much lower than that of able-bodied workers.

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them to vote for the Federation's bills.

Seven bills sponsored by the Federation to modernize the state's outmoded unemployment insurance program were introduced by Assemblyman Leon Ralph (D-Los Angeles) and have been taken under submission by the Committee as have three other Federation-sponsored bills to update the disability insurance program which were introduced by Assemblyman Jess Unruh.

Henning stressed the fact that the Federation has already presented its testimony at public

hearings and that there will be no further public testimony in the Assembly.

"The only action left is the Committee vote," he said, noting that this may be taken in the near future.

"Unemployment is strangling the workers," he said, calling attention to the fact that "more than 500,000 Californians were out of work in February and the jobless rate moved up again in April."

Affiliates are urged to write or wire members of the Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee, State Capitol, Sacramento, Ca 95814, immediately

and to advise the Federation of any replies received.

Enclosed with the letter was a Fact Sheet on California's UI and DI Programs and a list of the Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee's membership as follows:

Robert G. Beverly (R-Redondo Beach), Chairman;

Henry Arklin (R-Mission Hills, Los Angeles), Vice-Chairman;

Yvonne Brathwaite (D-Los Angeles);

John V. Briggs (R-Fullerton);

Earle P. Crandall (R-San Jose);

Jack R. Fenton (D-Los Angeles);

John F. Foran (D-San Francisco);

Walter J. Karabian (D-Monterey Park);

William M. Ketchum (R-Bakersfield);

John T. Knox (D-Richmond);

Jerry Lewis (R-San Bernardino);

Carlos J. Moorhead (R-Glen Dale);

Bob Moretti (D-North Hollywood);

Paul Priolo (R-Los Angeles);

and George N. Zenovich (D-Fresno).

More Than a Million State COPE Pamphlets Now on Way to Members

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a "No" vote on Proposition 8 and takes a position of "No Recommendation" on Proposition 6.

It is printed in nine regional variations, most of which include a letter from John F. Henning, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of California Labor COPE, which points out that:

"The importance of this year's state and federal elections cannot be overstated.

"The discredited economic policies being pursued at both Sacramento and Washington have resulted in soaring inflation and heavy unemployment. Home construction and other job-creating industries are in severe decline. Half a million Californians were already jobless in February. Layoffs and wage cuts are increasingly in the news.

"Cutbacks in state services are jeopardizing workers' safety on the job and denying them their rights in such matters as the processing of wage claims and the prompt payment of benefits for industrial injuries.

"Only through the election of liberal candidates can we have the kind of progressive government the people deserve.

"The candidates endorsed by our state AFL-CIO political organization are committed to the kind of economic and social policies that will give new life and hope to our nation and state."

He urged all trade unionists and friends of labor to act to assure the election of COPE-endorsed candidates on June 2.

In calling for the "biggest possible vote" for Jess Unruh, the pamphlet points out that Unruh has "demonstrated a capacity for responsible leadership which California so badly needs.

"California citizens simply cannot afford four more years of soaring unemployment, runaway inflation and a Governor's private war with university students," it asserts.

And in commenting on the race for the Senate seat presently held by George Murphy, who has authored legislation that would cripple the farm workers' efforts to win effective collective bargaining rights, it says that George E. Brown, Jr. and John V. Tunney are both "good men."

"Either would provide much better representation for California workers' interests than

the incumbent who has voted against meaningful tax reforms and in favor of attempts to bar union voter registration drives and to place an anti-union judge on the U. S. Supreme Court," it says.

Aside from the statewide pamphlet, which includes all COPE-endorsed candidates, the nine regional variations cover the following counties:

No. 1—The First Congressional District—Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Sonoma, Marin and Napa.

No. 2—North Central Counties—Trinity, Siskiyou, Shasta, Tehama, Modoc, Plumas, Lassen, Lake, Glenn, Butte, Yuba, Sutter, Alpine, Sierra, Inyo, Mono and Colusa.

No. 3—Imperial, Riverside and San Bernardino.

No. 4—Sacramento Area—Sacramento, Yolo, Placer, El Dorado, Nevada and Amador.

No. 5—San Joaquin Valley—San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Fresno, Tulare, Kern, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Madera and Kings.

No. 6—Central Coastal Counties—Santa Cruz, San Benito, Santa Barbara, Monterey, San Luis Obispo and Ventura.

No. 7—Los Angeles County.

No. 8—Orange and San Diego Counties.

No. 9—San Francisco Bay Area—San Francisco, Solano, Santa Clara, Contra Costa, Alameda and San Mateo.

Here Are COPE's Choices For Key Statewide Offices

U. S. Senator	GEORGE E. BROWN, Jr. (D) JOHN V. TUNNEY (D) No Endorsement (R)
Governor	JESS UNRUH (D) No Endorsement (R)
Lt. Governor	ALFRED E. ALQUIST (D) No Endorsement (R)
Secretary of State	EDMUND G. BROWN, JR. (D) No Endorsement (R)
State Controller	HERMAN SILLAS (D) HOUSTON I. FLOURNOY (R)
State Treasurer	MILTON G. GORDON (D) No Endorsement (R)
Attorney General	CHARLES A. O'BRIEN (D) EVELLE J. YOUNGER (R)
Supt. of Public Instruction	JULIAN NAVA WILSON RILES