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State Fed Hits Use Of Strikebreakers In Sacramento

The State AFL-CIO threw its full support behind striking Sacramento City Fire Fighters this week and denounced Governor Reagan's use of 140 unhappy draftees from the State Division of Forestry as strikebreakers.

John F. Henning, executive officer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, which represents the state's 1.5 million AFL-CIO union members, said:

"The coercive use of state government employees to break a strike of city firemen in Sacramento represents the worst kind of state interference in local affairs.

"The city government of Sacramento and the local AFL-CIO Fire Fighters Union are capable of resolving the present wage dispute. Governor Reagan should not pretend to be the Mayor of Sacramento.

"The Governor should immediately abandon his strikebreaking policy which has completely

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COPE Meeting To Map Plans To Get Out Vote

An important meeting of AFL-CIO local central body and COPE officials will be held at the Hilton Hotel in San Francisco next Wednesday, October 14, John F. Henning, executive officer of the AFL-CIO California Labor Council on Political Education announced this week.

In calling the meeting, Henning explained that its purpose would be to review get-out-the-vote procedures for the November 3 general election.

He urged all officials involved to be sure to attend. The meeting will open at 10:00 a.m. and is expected to last throughout the day.

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Job Disabled Toll Up 17-Fold Under Reagan, Lee Warns

"Job-connected disabling injuries and deaths have skyrocketed 17-fold since Governor Reagan took office and forced crippling staff cutbacks on the Division of Industrial Safety and other state agencies designed to protect workers," James S. Lee, President of the AFL-CIO State Building and Construction Trades Council of Cali-

fornia, pointed out yesterday in the course of denouncing Reagan's recent veto of a bill aimed at curbing what Lee termed "this alarming escalation of on-the-job deaths and disabilities."

Lee said that Reagan's recent veto of AB 1383, a bill introduced at the request of the

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Nixon-Reagan Policies Hit As Jobless Rates Soar

"The high interest, tight-money policies of the Nixon-Reagan Administrations are directly responsible for California's half million jobless workers, soaring inflation and welfare costs and no amount of political double talk can wash that fact away," John F. Henning, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Califor-

nia Labor Federation, AFL-CIO declared this week in deploring the jump in the state's seasonally adjusted jobless rate to 7.0 percent.

Noting that the seven percent rate is "the highest for any month since August, 1961 and the highest for any Septem-

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Unruh Attacks Reagan's 'Upside Down Values'

Jess Unruh, labor-backed gubernatorial candidate, ranged the state this week driving home the big differences between what his opponent, incumbent Governor Ronald Reagan, says and does in such vital fields as tax reform, education and aid to the state's senior citizens.

At the entrance to the Bay Meadows Race Track in San Mateo County Wednesday, Unruh asserted that Reagan, a horsebreeder himself, had signed a bill giving \$8.2 million to "his wealthy horseracing friends" and "in the same year he cut \$6 million for remedial

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Humphrey Cites Need To Elect Unruh & Tunney

Jess Unruh and John V. Tunney, labor-endorsed candidates for Governor and U.S. Senator, won a strong endorsement from former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey this week.

In a letter read to more than 600 supporters of Jess Unruh at a fund raising dinner at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco Wednesday night, Humphrey said that California needs to elect Unruh and Tunney be-

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George Meany Spells Out 'The Choice Before Us'

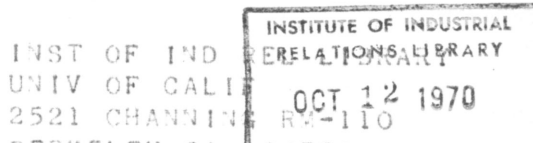
The American Federationist, official monthly publication of the AFL-CIO, in its current issue (published this week) carries the following editorial, entitled "The Choice Before Us", signed by President George Meany:

"The AFL-CIO is proud of the legislative record of the 1960s, when the number of Americans living in poverty was cut in half and breakthroughs were scored in civil rights, aid to education and tax reform. But we are not satisfied. We are very concerned about the prospects for the 1970s and the impact of unemployment and inflation on American workers.

"The source of most of the breakthroughs of the 1960s was the forward-looking majority we helped elect to Congress along with Lyndon Johnson in 1964. The source of our concern about the 1970s is the conservative coalition, its revised strength and its failure to deal with basic problems.

"We cannot tolerate an America in which health care is limited to ability to pay, in which 4.5 million Americans are sacrificed

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Use of Strikebreakers in Sacramento Fire Fighters' Dispute Draws Fire

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disrupted the collective bargaining relationship and left the union no alternative between submission to him and striking. "The State AFL-CIO stands solidly with the Sacramento Fire Fighters in this conflict between workers' rights and political coercion."

Ken Larson, executive secretary of the Federated Fire Fighters of California, AFL-CIO, said that the strike, which began Wednesday, is "highly successful" and credited Al Caples of the Sacramento Building and Construction Trades Council and Joe Selenski of the Sacramento

Central Labor Council with helping to win 100 percent labor support for it.

He said that "the drafting of lower paid state employees, employees already weary from fighting fires in southern California, to serve as strikebreakers in Sacramento should be of concern to all thinking citizens."

"This is a local government dispute between its city employees and could be quickly and easily settled if the city administration would engage in reasonable negotiations instead of running to the state for strikebreakers," Larson said.

The union was initially seeking

a pay increase, the same number of holidays enjoyed by other city employees, shorter working hours and a health benefit plan that would include dependents. It has since dropped its call for shorter hours and coverage for dependents, he said.

Larson said that only four men in the 420-man Sacramento local failed to join in the walkout.

The walkout completely shut down bus service in Sacramento Wednesday when members of the AFL - CIO Amalgamated Transit Workers Local 256, as well as other unionized city employees, observed the Fire Fighters' picket lines.

Picket lines were also established at the State Capitol and at the Governor's home.

But the city administration obtained temporary restraining orders and served them on all involved unions later in the week.

John Tomblin, Assistant Deputy State Forester, conceded that the men drafted to serve as strikebreakers were unhappy.

"These men are unhappy about this," he said. "Hell, let's face it. But they realize they have a job to do."

Said another State Forester who was transported all the way from Fresno County for strike-breaking duty:

"I'd just as soon not go across the picket line. They never asked us one way or the other whether we wanted to take over," he complained.

The Sacramento City Council authorized the city to seek aid from the state last Thursday. The Reagan Administration ordered the State Forest Fire Fighting crews in without discussing the need for them with any officials of Sacramento Fire Fighters Local 522, Larson said.

State AFL-CIO Asks Rejection of Sydney Marland Jr.

California's two U.S. Senators were urged by the State AFL-CIO this week to work "to insure rejection by the Senate" of President Nixon's nomination of Sydney P. Marland, Jr., to the post of U.S. Commissioner of Education.

In a wire sent Monday to U.S. Senators Alan Cranston and George Murphy, John F. Henning, executive secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, said:

"The President has nominated Sydney P. Marland, Jr., as Federal Commissioner of Education.

"California labor is firmly opposed to this appointment and urges you do all you can to insure rejection by the Senate. His record clearly demonstrates consistent animosity toward the fundamental rights of working teachers to organize and bargain collectively with their employers.

"The nomination is a direct affront to the teaching profession and can be viewed as a threat to the future of orderly public education in America."

While serving as Superintendent of Schools in Pittsburgh, Pa., Marland opposed both the American Federation of Teachers and the National Education Association and maintained a policy of "no bargaining and no negotiating," which denied teachers any effective voice in such matters as their own wages and working conditions.

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ber in 20 years," Henning said:

"California citizens must wake up to the fact that the Nixon-Reagan economic policy of cutbacks in public construction and services and contraction of the nation's production facilities is not only not the only way to curb inflation—it's not the way at all. It simply isn't working.

"Since Nixon was elected, unemployment has increased by two million people and inflation has climbed from 4.2 percent in 1967-68 to nearly six percent today and the latest wholesale price index figures indicate it's going even higher.

"Since Reagan was elected in 1966, the ranks of California's jobless have swelled nearly 200,000—from 309,000 in September 1966 to 503,000 last month, a 63 percent rise in four years. And the number of people on welfare has increased by 663,000 or 57 percent while the cost to the State of California has climbed nearly half a billion dollars or 68 percent.

"No amount of political oratory by either Reagan, the Governor, or Reagan the actor will wash that fact away either," Henning declared.

"The unfortunate fact is that the basic economic policies this state and nation are pursuing must be reversed. Inflation will never be curbed without requiring some governmental restraint or old fashioned jawboning on excessive corporate profits and bank interest rates.

"Any economic policy that insists that 4½ million workers must suffer the agonies of unemployment while a handful of bankers blush at the profits they rake in and inflation escalates is clearly the wrong policy. And now is the time to change it," Henning said.

The AFL-CIO leader urged all trade unionists to "get involved now" in organized labor's efforts to elect candidates who will press for "massive state and federal public works projects designed to meet our needs in the housing, health care and education fields and to protect our environment."

Nationally, the unemployment rate rose from 5.1 to 5.5 percent. This means that California's jobless rate is still 27 percent higher than the national average.

The national rate was the worst in nearly seven years, the U.S. Labor Department Report said, and it noted that the number of persons who were jobless because they lost their last job rather than because they quit or had just started looking for work rose by 100,000 to a total of about 2.1 million.

That means that nearly half of the 4.3 million unemployed nationally last month were jobless because they had lost their jobs.

The federal report also disclosed that the number of persons who have been unemployed for five weeks or longer rose by more than 200,000 to total 2.3 million.

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cause the issues facing the country "are critical to our future."

Humphrey, who is running for the U.S. Senate in Minnesota, said that as a Minnesotan, he would not presume to tell the people of California how to vote. But, he said:

"The Republican economic policies have weakened our economy. Our people are not being brought together and our country seems adrift with no sense of direction . . .

"We must change the philosophy and the course on which this nation is proceeding under the Republican Party," he declared.

The letter was read to the assemblage by San Francisco Mayor Joseph Alioto.

Unruh has also won strong endorsements from former California Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown and Alioto.

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reading programs in the schools."

Noting that the measure increases California's revenues from the pari-mutuel take at the tracks, he called attention to the fact that the bill stipulates that the revenues go to the tracks and to horsebreeders.

"It should have gone to the State Treasury," Unruh said.

The Democratic leader said that this demonstrates the "upside down sense of values" of Governor Reagan.

"Hay for the horses but no books or teachers for the children who need help in learning to read. What kind of values, what kind of priorities are these?" he asked.

The Democratic candidate also called voters' attention to the fact that the chairman of the California Horse Racing Board, J. R. Fluor, is "one of the members of the syndicate that bought . . . Reagan's \$150,000 mansion" and that Fluor "just happens to be a big horsebreeder."

Unruh said that Fluor raises race horses on a ranch he owns

in Southern California, El Rancho Murietta.

"Fluor and other horsebreeders," Unruh said, "will benefit directly by more than a million dollars from the bill . . . Reagan signed into law this year."

Unruh also pointed out that Reagan managed to approve the \$8.2 million for track operators and horse owners in the same year that he cut \$2 million from the California Highway Patrol budget.

In an address to the California Real Estate Association Convention at the San Francisco Hilton earlier Wednesday, Unruh stressed the need for real property tax relief and said that if elected he would cut property taxes 25 percent a year for owners of lower and medium-priced homes.

Later, at Stanford University, Unruh challenged the attempt of Reagan's campaign committee to improve the Governor's image as a conservationist. He pointed out that a number of Reagan's appointees to the Advisory Commission on Marine and Coastal Resources which is charged with protecting California's coast "have direct interests in exploiting the very areas they are supposed to be preserving."

Specifically, Unruh said, the incumbent Governor has appointed representatives of Chevron Oil Company, Kaiser Refractories, Todd Shovards, San Diego Gas and Light Company, Bechtel Corporation, the Washington Fish and Oyster Corporation and the Dillingham Corporation to the commission.

At a \$100 a plate fund raising dinner at the Fairmont Hotel Wednesday night, Unruh told more than 600 cheering supporters that "there are two ways to campaign—one is to sell yourself to the special interests, then with their money, sell yourself through commercials like a can of 'Right Guard'."

"The other way, my way," Unruh said, "is to go to the people with the issues."

Earlier in the week, Unruh took his campaign to the posh Wilshire Boulevard headquarters of the Beneficial Standard Life Insurance Company in Los Angeles and called for abolition of the tax exemptions on insurance company "home office" buildings.

California loses about \$10 million each year because of this tax loophole for insurance companies that "are among his (Reagan's) biggest contributors," the COPE-endorsed candidate said.

Boiling this tax loophole down to its essence, Unruh said:

"We pay taxes on our homes; the state pays the taxes on their (the insurance companies') home offices."

Unruh pledged to work to abolish the home office tax exemption and get "tax relief for real homes."

In Sacramento on Tuesday, an 82-year old retired state employee, Joe Diefenbacher, joined Unruh on the steps of the State Capitol in denouncing Reagan for "broken promises."

Diefenbacher, a registered Republican, said he could not and would not vote again for Reagan because the Governor had reneged on promises to provide cost of living increases for retired state employees.

Diefenbacher said he and two other retired state employees wrote letters for Reagan's 1966 election campaign after Reagan had promised to help get cost of living adjustments to retirement

benefits.

Diefenbacher said that Reagan's campaign organization sent the letters to thousands of state employees. But after his election, Diefenbacher said, Reagan vetoed the first bill that would have given cost of living adjustments to retired employees.

Unruh noted that while Reagan later signed legislation providing partial help, just this year Reagan again vetoed a bill that would have made up some of the losses of income suffered by retired workers due to inflation.

Counterpointing Reagan's promises four years ago to clean up the welfare mess, enact property tax reform and end campus violence with the half a billion dollar increase in welfare costs, the failure to enact property tax reform and the escalation of campus violence from 16 disturbances on two campuses prior to Reagan to 300 disturbances on 20 campuses during his administration, Unruh said:

"Ronald Reagan has a shameful, cynical record of broken promises."

"A Reagan promise isn't worth a red cent," he declared.

Support Sought For U.S. Health And Safety Act

The full support of both of California's two U.S. Senators for the Occupational Health and Safety Act authored by Senator Harrison Williams of New Jersey was urged this week by the State AFL-CIO.

John F. Henning, executive officer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, which represents the state's 1.5 million AFL-CIO union members, noted that the measure, S. 2193, is scheduled to come up for debate and vote Monday, October 12, in a wire sent to U.S. Senators Alan Cranston and George Murphy last Monday.

Henning urged both Murphy and Cranston to give their "full support" to this "extremely important legislation."

Free Job Service

The Federal-State public employment service is free to job-seekers in the 50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

Workers' Stake in 1970 Elections To Be Broadcast Oct. 22 & Oct. 29

AFL-CIO President George Meany will spell out "The Workers' Stake in the 1970 Elections" in two nationwide radio broadcasts to be carried on the Columbia Broadcasting System's radio network.

The broadcasts will be aired at 7:35 p.m. (Eastern time) which is 10:35 p.m. (Pacific time) on Thursday, October 22 and Thursday, October 29. Since some stations may carry the broadcasts at different hours or on a delayed basis on different

days, trade unionists should contact the station nearest them to determine the exact local broadcast time.

John F. Henning, executive officer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, urges all local union and central body officers to publicize these broadcasts in every way possible to assure a large listening audience.

The broadcasts are expected to be carried on the following CBS Radio Network affiliates:

CITY	STATION	FREQUENCY (kc)
Bakersfield	KBIS	970
Chico	KHSL	1290
Eureka	KINS	980
Fresno	KFRE	940
Los Angeles	KNX	1070
Modesto	KBEE	970
Palm Springs	KCMJ	1010
Redding	KVCV	600
Sacramento	KFBK	1530
San Diego	KFMB	760
San Francisco	KCBS	740
San Luis Obispo	KATY	1340

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SB&CTC, "demonstrates that Governor Reagan is completely insensitive to the needs of California workers and the safety and security of their families."

"By the people Reagan has placed in charge of the Department of Industrial Relations and, in particular, in charge of the Division of Industrial Safety, the Governor has demonstrated that he is more interested in saving money than in saving human lives," Lee said.

"The Governor's claims that cutbacks in state budgets are being made without any loss in services to the people are wrong—tragically wrong and state figures prove it," he asserted.

He said that the Reagan Administration's repeated slashbacks in the staff of the Division of Industrial Safety have been accompanied by a 17-fold increase in the number of disabling work injuries in California between 1967 and 1969.

At the same time, he said, the number of authorized positions in the Division of Industrial Safety dropped from 306 for the 1967-68 fiscal year down to 285 for the 1970-71 fiscal year.

During the same period, he said, the over-the-year increase in disabling work injuries and deaths jumped from 816 in 1967 to 14,442 in 1969 as the accompanying data obtained from state budgets and other official state sources indicate:

DISABLING WORK INJURIES AND DEATHS IN CALIFORNIA 1967-69

Year	Total	Increase Over Prior Year
1967	195,541	816
1968	204,559	9,018
1969	219,001	14,442

During the same period, Lee said, the number of authorized positions in the Division of Industrial Safety dropped as follows:

NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED POSITIONS IN THE DIVISION OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY

Fiscal Year	Number of Authorized Positions
1967-68	306
1968-69	303
1969-70	301.2
1970-71	285.6

Lee said that the situation has gotten so bad that a number of

concerned state employees in the Department of Industrial Relations have formed an organization called the California Labor Standards Association. Its latest newsletter, issued late last month, Lee said, notes that:

"The reduction of accident prevention activities in the field has started a particularly noticeable upward swing in the accident rate of the already hazardous construction industry."

Lee said that the CLSA's newsletter also calls attention to a memo sent to all department heads by Reagan's State Finance Director Vern Orr directing them to indicate "for each department, those programs, elements and units of lowest priority, totaling a minimum of 20 percent of the expenditures for each department."

Lee noted that, while Orr's memo stated that "this method of budgeting does not imply that all or any part of the lowest priority programs . . . will necessarily be eliminated," it also stated that "stringent economy and further belt tightening will be necessary."

"This type of belt tightening," Lee said, "—belt tightening that clearly jeopardizes workers' safety and escalates the workers' possibility of winding up as a statistic in the killed or maimed column next year—is not government for the people but government at the expense of the people and we can no longer afford it."

"To put squarely on the line, any worker, building tradesman or not, union member or not, who votes to perpetuate the incumbent State Administration next November 3 is voting against his or her own interest," Lee declared.

Lee pointed out that AB 1383 had passed the Assembly with no opposition and cleared the Senate with very little opposition.

During the veto session last month, the Assembly sought to override the Governor's veto but the bill fell six votes short of the 54 votes needed to override.

The vote was 48 "Yes" to 9 "No." All nine "No" votes were cast by Republicans and 16 other Republicans failed to vote

even though they had voted favorably on the bill when it first passed the Assembly.

Lee urged all California building tradesmen to "take a look at who their enemies were on this vital bill, a bill that would merely have made it mandatory rather than permissive for the Division of Industrial Safety to investigate complaints of unsafe places of employment or Safety Code violations."

Lee said that assemblymen who voted against overriding the bill were "clearly voting against adequate safety standards for California workers." These assemblymen, all Republicans, were:

E. Richard Barnes of San Diego; Frank P. Belotti of Eureka; Robert H. Burke of Huntington Beach; Charles J. Conrad of Sherman Oaks; James W. Dent of Concord; Frank Lanterman of Pasadena; Robert T. Monagan of Stockton; Newton R. Russell of Burbank; and John Stull of San Diego.

In addition, Lee said, those assemblymen who did not vote to override Reagan's veto "apparently consider partisan politics and their loyalty to the Governor more important than their responsibility to the working people of this state."

Lee said the assemblymen not voting and not excused from voting, again all Republicans, were:

Robert E. Badham of Newport Beach; William T. Bagley of San Rafael; Robert G. Beverly of Redondo Beach; W. Craig Biddle of Riverside; William Campbell of LaPuente; James A. Hayes of Long Beach; Ray E. Johnson of Chico; William M. Ketchum of Bakersfield; Jerry Lewis of San Bernardino; George W. Milias of Los Gatos; Ernest M. Mobley of Fresno; Carlos J. Moorhead of Glendale; Paul Priolo of Los Angeles; Victor V. Veysey of Brawley; Floyd L. Wakefield of Downey; and Pete Wilson of San Diego.

T. R. on Labor

"I believe emphatically in organized labor. I believe in organizations of wage earners. Organization is one of the laws of our social and economic development at this time."—Theodore Roosevelt, 1902.

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as unemployed in the name of fighting inflation while the banks feast on the highest interest rates since the Civil War; in which any youngster with the capacity to learn is limited in any way in the amount of education available to him; in which 14,500 workers are killed and countless thousands are maimed on the job each year; in which you can be bilked at the marketplace or poisoned by the air you breathe or the water you drink.

"We are just as concerned about the household domestic, who has no guarantee of economic security and no protection against unemployment or old age. We are just as concerned about the ghetto youngster with a will to learn and no adequate school to attend; with an eagerness to work and no job available. These are the kinds of Americans for whom this nation must get moving again; for whom the American dream must be reshaped to blot out the call to violence.

"It is to change these conditions that we have taken our place in the 1970 campaigns.

"This issue of the Federationist spells out in detail the facts on the issues, the candidates, the problems of registration and voting.

"It shows that we have a choice in virtually every one of the 35 Senate, 435 House, 35 governor and thousands of state legislative seats at stake this fall.

"We must back these choices with our dollars, with our voices and with our votes. When we do, we will win and so will America."

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