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900 Join Labor Committee for John V. Tunney

Formation of the California Labor Committee to Elect John Tunney U.S. Senator, one of the most extensive labor committees ever organized for a California political campaign, was announced this week by John F. Henning, Committee Chairman and Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO.

The committee, consisting of more than 900 state, county and local labor officials, Henning said "is determined to see that California voters are as informed and as anxious to vote in the 1970 general election as they were during the depression years of the thirties."

James S. Lee, President of the California State Building and Construction Trades Council and Vice Chairman of the Labor Committee for Tunney, pointed out that Tunney has been a leading supporter of strong occupational safety legislation and measures to spur housing construction and improve the avail-

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Tunney Challenges Foe On Technicolor Tangle

Congressman John V. Tunney, driving hard to offset a last minute attempt by Republican President Richard Nixon and Republican Governor Ronald Reagan to bolster the faltering campaign of California's incumbent, U.S. Senator George Murphy, charged Murphy this week with being "negligent of the public trust."

To back up his charge, Tunney, the labor-endorsed candidate for the crucial U.S. Senate

seat at stake in the November 3 general election, pointed out that Murphy "for nearly six years has tried to serve two masters — Technicolor and the people of California."

Tunney said that Murphy "accepted at least one-quarter of a million dollars from Technicolor, Inc. during his six years in the Senate" and noted that that was substantially more than his government salary which totaled less than \$200,000.

"From the time of his election to the Senate until June of this year, George Murphy has received \$20,000 per year as a consultant to Technicolor—or nearly \$120,000," Tunney said.

"During his time in Congress George Murphy has received an additional \$4,000 a year as a member of the Board of Directors of Technicolor, or about \$24,000.

"During his time in Congress, (Continued on Page 3)

'Total Involvement' Urged To Get Out the Vote Nov. 3

A call for "total involvement" in the get-out-the-vote effort for labor-endorsed candidates in the general election on Tuesday, November 3 was issued this week by John F. Henning, executive officer of the AFL-CIO California Labor Council on Political Education.

In a letter sent to all AFL-CIO affiliates in California, Henning said:

"If Congress falls to reactionary forces, the rights of unions and of all U.S. workers will suffer crippling—perhaps irreparable—legislative blows during the decade of the 70's. We cannot let this happen. We must elect John Tunney to the U.S. Senate and send a strong progressive congressional delegation back to Washington.

"Essentially, the same situation (Continued on Page 3)

Fed Urges Big 'Yes' Vote on Prop. 1

Strong support for a "Yes" vote on Proposition 1, the Clean Water Bond Issue on the November 3 general election ballot, was voiced by Albin J. Gruhn, President of the California Labor Federation in San Francisco Tuesday.

At a press conference called by Californians for Clean Water, an ad hoc committee composed of representatives of labor, business, industry, the conservation

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Workers Need Tunney, Meany Says in Radio Talk

"On November 3, America will go to the polls to vote in a crucial election—an election that will decide the composition of the 92nd Congress and the shape of this new decade.

"The workers of America should cast their ballots on that day as if their jobs, their pocketbooks, their health and their families' future depended on the results. And the hard fact is that this is exactly the case. All of these—jobs, pocketbook, health and family security—are at stake.

"In the last two years, America has moved backwards because of short-sighted and mistaken policies of the Nixon Administration.

"Two years ago, President

Here is the text of a special a radio broadcast made yesterday by AFL-CIO President George Meany on "The Worker's Stake in the 1970 Elections." It was carried on most CBS radio outlets in California. Meany will deliver a second broadcast on campaign issues over most of the same stations next Thursday, October 29:

Nixon promised to make America more productive; he said he would aim at creating five million new jobs.

"A few months later, he promised to control the economy

and cure inflation without 'forcing American workers to pay for it with their jobs.'

"But the workers are paying. The burden of recession and inflation is falling on them, and

on consumers.

"There are not five million new jobs; there are nearly two million more unemployed today than there were when the Administration took office. And at the same time prices have soared to the highest level in history, and interest rates have reached the highest point in more than 100 years. The high cost of money is feeding inflation and starving production and construction.

"The things this nation needs to do are not being done, and all the Administration says is: 'America cannot afford them.'

"America needs better medical care, and the Administration says we can't afford it. America

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needs millions of new homes, it needs day-care centers, clinics, schools, parks and recreational facilities, and the Administration says America cannot afford them.

"Workers just will not accept that argument. We have complete faith in America; we know America can afford the things its people need.

"The answer lies in full employment, realistic prices, reduced interest rates, reasonable profits, sensible credit controls—all of the cures this Administration has spurned or abandoned.

"In the light of the nation's experience over the last two years, this year's conservative candidates could not hope to be elected by promising more of the same—higher prices, higher profits, higher interest rates and higher unemployment.

"So they are seeking to sweep the facts under the rug and they are running on phony issues.

"They are running against 'big spending' as if progressive candidates favored spending for its own sake.

"They are running against

crime in the streets, as if those candidates who want to put America back to work are opposed to law and order.

"They are running against so-called 'permissiveness' as if forward-looking candidates—or any responsible American—were in favor of rioting, arson and vandalism.

"Every candidate—and every

responsible American, I am sure—wants to solve these problems, but they can't be solved by inflammatory rhetoric alone.

"They can only be solved in an atmosphere of justice—economic justice, social justice, human justice.

"And that atmosphere will be achieved when Americans no longer fear the loss of their jobs,

when they know they can afford to feed and clothe their families, when they are relieved of the fear of massive medical bills. In short, the candidates who will put America's house in order are the ones who can—and will—get on with the job of building America.

"That is why California COPE voted to support John V. Tunney for the United States Senate.

"He believes as we do: that what this nation needs is what its workers and its consumers need.

"John Tunney stands, as we do, for policies of full employment, fair wages and stable prices.

"He believes, as we do, that now is the time to get on with the job of building America and making it a better place for all Americans.

"So I urge you to vote for John Tunney as your United States Senator and for the other California COPE-endorsed candidates for public office.

"By voting for them, you will be helping yourself, your family and your country."

Here Are COPE's Choices For Key Statewide Offices

Governor	JESS UNRUH (D)
U. S. Senator	JOHN V. TUNNEY (D)
Lt. Governor	ALFRED E. ALQUIST (D)
Secretary of State	EDMUND G. BROWN, JR. (D)
State Controller	HOUSTON I. FLOURNOY (R)
State Treasurer	MILTON G. GORDON (D)
Attorney General	CHARLES A. O'BRIEN (D) EVELLE J. YOUNGER (R)
Supt. of Public Instruction..	WILSON RILES

S. F. Mayor Urges Action to End Dispute at I-J

San Francisco's Mayor, Joseph Alioto, this week called on San Rafael Mayor S. Paul Bettini to "initiate new negotiations" to settle the 9½-month-long strike at the San Rafael Independent-Journal.

Pointing out that "reverberations" from the strike are being felt throughout the Bay Area, Alioto noted in a wire sent to Bettini Tuesday that labor stability in the Bay Area has helped soften the impact of the current recession in Bay Area cities and towns and said:

"This persuades me that all of us who are charged with the political leadership of the area should join together at your invitation to persuade the parties to bargain, mediate, and arbitrate in good faith.

"There is a public interest here that supersedes the interests of the private parties," he declared.

Alioto expressed the belief that if the situation at the Independent-Journal "continues to fester it could damage labor peace in

the entire region for a considerable length of time."

While taking no public position on the merits or demerits of the dispute, Alioto told Bettini that, "We ought to at least insist that an attempt at settlement be made on a serious basis. More troublesome controversies than this have recently been settled in the Bay Area," he pointed out.

"I therefore urge you to exert the efforts of your highly respected office to initiate new negotiations for a settlement."

The strike started last January 7 after the paper's management refused to abide by the terms of the old contract while a new contract was negotiated—a standard collective bargaining practice. The union had been working without a contract for the previous 14 months in a vain effort to settle the dispute without a strike.

Subsequently the Independent-Journal has been placed on the California Labor Federation's "We Don't Patronize" list and

the strikers, members of Local 21 of the AFL-CIO International Typographical Union, have won the solid support of AFL-CIO unions and central bodies as well as the support of such independent unions as the Teamsters and the International Longshoremen's Union.

Charles Weers, secretary of the Labor Support Committee for the I-J strikers met with Mayor Bettini and urged him to prevail on the paper's management to agree to mediate the issues in dispute for a set period of time and, if that fails to result in a settlement, to agree to submit the issues in dispute to binding arbitration.

"That's the only way this dispute is going to be resolved," Weers said.

The union has repeatedly offered to submit the disputed issues to mediation or binding arbitration but the paper's management, which enjoys a monopoly in the county, has repeatedly declined the union's offer.

McAlister Wins COPE Nod for Assembly Seat

Alister McAlister has won the endorsement of the California Labor Council on Political Education for the 25th Assembly District seat in Santa Clara County.

McAlister, an attorney and a Democrat, won the endorsement after Santa Clara County COPE recommended it unanimously to State COPE.

The seat had been left "open" at the State COPE endorsing convention in San Francisco on August 5 but delegates to the convention authorized Secretary-Treasurer John F. Henning, to make endorsements in districts left open by the delegates after due consultation with the local COPE involved subject to the approval of the Executive Council.

The Executive Council was polled by wire last week and affirmed the endorsement of McAlister.

Tunney Challenges Murphy on Technicolor Tangle

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George Murphy has received an air travel credit card supplied by his company. Only one trip per month from Washington to California amounts to an expenditure of \$21,600 over the past five and a half years," Tunney said.

Murphy has also received \$4,655 in profits from Technicolor stock options, Tunney observed.

Beyond that, Tunney said, a \$520 a month apartment in Washington D.C. was leased for Murphy by Technicolor, Inc., and Murphy has claimed he paid half.

"The other half, or \$18,720 was paid by the company," Tunney said.

This means that Murphy received "a total of at least \$248,975" from the time of his election to the time that a new board of directors "dismissed both him and (Patrick) Frawley this summer," Tunney said.

In addition, Tunney said that Murphy received loans in the amount of \$100,950 from Frawley's sister and \$46,603 from Edward Ettinger, chairman of the corporation's Finance Committee, to purchase Technicolor stock.

"Apart from the obvious, questions of ethics and integrity—questions the Senator must resolve in his own mind, with his own conscience—the people of California have a right to know the full extent of Senator Murphy's arrangement" with the corporation, Tunney said.

"Perhaps the key question," Tunney suggested, "is: Were there any deals, implicit or implied, in his long association with Technicolor?"

Suggesting that Murphy's entanglement with Technicolor raises serious questions about Murphy's posture on law and order Tunney said:

"Any man who speaks out so strongly on the need for law and order ought to be able to recognize that law and order, if it is to function in our society, must apply to all of its citizens equally—that law and order extends from our city streets to the halls of the Senate"

In the course of the campaign, Tunney has also called voters' attention to the fact that Murphy voted against medicare, voted against any reduction in the 27½ percent oil depletion allow-

ance, and opposed an increase in the personal income tax exemption from \$600 to \$800, an increase that would have benefited middle and low-income families.

Little more than a year ago, in August, 1969, a survey conducted by Mervin D. Field disclosed that a full third of California's voters didn't know

enough about Murphy's record to pass judgment on him and only one out of every four California voters thought he was doing a good job.

The reasons for such an incredibly negative reaction to a U.S. Senator after five years in office were not hard to find.

On July 9, 1965, Murphy voted to kill provisions in H.R. 6675 to

provide medicare—health care for the elderly under social security.

On June 8, 1966 he voted against consumers by favoring a move to bar the federal government from setting standards for the packaging and labeling of consumer goods.

On February 10, 1966 Murphy voted in behalf of anti-union business interests when he voted against invoking cloture (a motion to cut off debate) on the bill to repeal Section 14 (b) of the Taft-Hartley Act.

And on October 4, 1967 he voted against a labor-backed proposal to authorize a one-year \$925 million emergency job program to do something positive about the crisis in the nation's core cities.

While Tunney, a vigorous 36-year old, three-term congressman has touched on most of Murphy's anti-worker votes in the course of his campaign, he has concentrated during the past week on Murphy's ties to special interest groups.

Last weekend, Tunney said:

"George Murphy willingly introduces special legislation that would save a giant foundation \$100 million but he gives the back of his hand to the average taxpayer."

In elaboration, Tunney said that Murphy, who voted against tax reform last year, introduced a special amendment that would allow the Irvine Foundation to hold on to all its profitable business interests for another 10 years and save at least \$100 million.

"Time and again, the senior Senator takes up the special causes of his big contributors," Tunney charged.

To add substance to his charge, Tunney pointed out that at least four persons prominent in the Irvine interests are major Murphy contributors.

Naming names, Tunney cited Charles S. Thomas, Murphy's chief fund raiser, who was president of the Irvine Company from 1960 to 1966; N. Loyall McLaren, Irvine Foundation president since 1964 and J. V. Newman and Edward W. Carter, both trustees of the Irvine foundation.

"Apparently," Tunney said, "George Murphy loves America so much that he's willing to give parts of it away to his wealthy backers."

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tion prevails in California. We must elect Jess Unruh Governor and liberal legislators to the Assembly and State Senate," Henning said.

In an outline of get-out-the-vote activities accompanying the letter, he urged officers of all local unions and central bodies in the state to step up their efforts "to mobilize every available volunteer for the final seven days of the campaign to help turn out the vote of those who due to apathy, inconvenience, forgetfulness, or whatever, would not otherwise go to the polls."

He suggested recruiting not only union members, their wives, husbands, and teenage children but retired members, college students and members of other civic groups that have

endorsed COPE's candidates.

The outline emphasized the need to contact every union member before election day either by walking precincts or by phoning.

It also urged that every available volunteer phone be used as efficiently as possible both during the seven days preceding the election and on election day.

Other details on the availability of campaign literature, walking lists, and the coordination of efforts with COPE-endorsed candidates, were also provided.

"The urgency of immediate action to make next week a week of decision and November 3 a day of victory cannot be overstated," Henning declared.

"The job cannot be done on election day alone," he warned.

Second Talk on Workers' Stake in 1970 Elections to Be Aired Oct. 29

A second broadcast by AFL-CIO President George Meany on the workers' stake in the 1970 elections will be carried on the CBS broadcasting system's radio network in California on Thursday, October 29.

The broadcast will also be carried on Fresno radio station KMJ on Friday, October 30 at 7:05 p.m.

Here is the schedule for the broadcast of the address over CBS stations in California. All local unions and central bodies are urged to publicize these Thursday night broadcasts in every way possible.

CITY	STATION	TIME	FREQ. (kc)
Bakersfield	KBIS	7:35 p.m.	970
Chico	KHSL	7:35 p.m.	1290
Eureka	KINS	7:35 p.m.	980
Fresno	KMJ	7:05 p.m. (Friday)	580
Los Angeles	KNX	9:35 p.m.	1070
Palm Springs	KCMJ	7:35 p.m.	1010
Redding	KVCV	7:35 p.m.	600
Sacramento	KFBK	8:45 p.m.	1530
San Diego	KFMB	7:35 p.m.	760
San Francisco	KCBS	7:35 p.m.	740
San Luis Obispo	KATY	7:35 p.m.	1340

Workers Lose \$100 Million in Pay Floor Chiseling

Half-a-million of the nation's lowest-paid workers were chiseled out of \$100 million due them last year under the federal wage and hour law, AFL-CIO economist Rudolph Oswald charged in a network radio interview.

A critical shortage of inspectors and reluctance of workers, fearing reprisals, to complain about underpayments hamper effective enforcement of the federal law that puts a floor under wages and a ceiling on hours of some 46 million workers, Oswald, a staff member of the AFL-CIO's Dept. of Research, said.

The federal government has "fewer than 1,000" wage and hour investigators, and it would take them "20 or 30 years" to investigate the more than 2 million firms covered by the law, he declared.

Yet, "under the cry of austerity, the Administration has failed to allocate and request additional funds to hire (more) investigators" to police compliance among employers, Oswald asserted, as he was questioned by reporters on Labor News Conference. The AFL-CIO produced public affairs program is broadcast Tuesdays on the Mutual Broadcasting System.

Oswald said that the illegal underpayments affect nearly half-a-million workers each year, many of whom are "the most exploited" in the work force.

"Often they are not aware of their rights—they are taken advantage of by employers, sometimes unwittingly, sometimes with knowledge aforethought," he noted.

Many workers are "afraid to complain" about wage and hour violations, he said, "because they are not aware of the safeguards that are built into the Act" to protect them. He stressed that under the procedures of the Labor Dept., the "origin of the complaint" and the names of the employees are "held in confidence" to protect the workers from reprisals from their employers.

Working Mothers

In March 1969, 4.2 million working mothers had children under 6 years of age.

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ability of health care for U.S. citizens.

"In contrast, Tunney's opponent, incumbent Senator George Murphy, voted against Medicare and has voted down the line for special corporate interests. This was reflected in his vote against any reduction in the oil depletion allowance last year," Lee said.

The 25-member Executive Committee includes Albin J. Gruhn, President of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO; Sigmund Arywitz, Secretary of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor; Joseph Belardi, President of the San Francisco Joint Board of Culinary Workers; William Chester, Vice President of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union; Lamar Childers, Secretary-Treasurer of the Alameda County Building Trades Council; John Cinquemani, Secretary-Treasurer of the Los Angeles County Building and Construction Trades Council; Manuel Dias, General Vice President of the California Labor Federation, and John H. Dillon, President of Teamsters Joint Council No. 38.

Other labor leaders serving on the Executive Committee include: Joseph Diviny, President of Teamsters Joint Council No. 7; Jack Goldberger, Vice Presi-

dent of Teamsters Joint Council No. 7; Richard Groulx, Vice President of the California Labor Federation and Secretary-Treasurer of the Alameda County Central Labor Council; Armon Henderson, Secretary-Treasurer of the San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council; George W. Johns, Secretary of the San Francisco County COPE; Peter Kurbatoff of the Teamsters Joint Council No. 42 in Los Angeles; Hank Lacayo, President of the United Auto Workers Local 887;

Joseph P. Mazzola, Vice President of the California Labor Federation; John Meritt, Secretary-Treasurer of the California Culinary Alliance; George Mock, International Vice President of the Teamsters Legislative Council of Sacramento; R. R. Richardson, Secretary-Treasurer of the San Diego-Imperial Counties Central Labor Council; Loretta Riley, President of the California State Culinary Alliance; Paul Schrade, Director of Region 6 of the United Auto Workers; Ed Turner, Secretary-Treasurer of the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union; and J. J. Twombly, Regional Director of the Operating Engineers and Secretary-Treasurer of the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California.

State Fed Urges Big 'YES' Vote for Prop. 1

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movement and officials of other civic groups, Gruhn pointed out that the Federation, which represents 1.6 million AFL-CIO union members in California, unanimously recommended a "Yes" vote on Proposition 1 at its biennial convention in San Francisco last August.

"The passage of Proposition 1 will, of course, help the state economy through the construction of new sewage treatment facilities," Gruhn said. "This will create many needed job opportunities at a time of rising unemployment," he noted.

Beyond that, Gruhn pointed out that passage of Proposition 1 "will mean cleaner waterways and beaches, cleaner recreation

areas for California's average families who depend so much on public facilities for recreation."

Passage of Proposition 1 will enable California to qualify for a 25 percent increase in federal aid and reduce the local community share of the costs of meeting state sewage treatment requirements from 70 percent to 20 percent, the ad hoc committee pointed out.

Under present law the local community must pay 70 percent and the federal government provides 30 percent. If Prop. 1 is approved, the local community share will be 20 percent, the state share 25 percent, and the federal share 55 percent, the committee explained.

New UFWOC Stamps Show Farm Struggle

A sheet of exceptionally artistic stamps commemorating the farm workers' historic struggle to win union contracts is now available from the AFL-CIO United Farm Workers' Organizing Committee.

Forty-eight of the multi-colored stamps are on each sheet and each sheet contains 12 different renderings of various aspects of the farm workers' struggle. The sheets, which may well become collectors' items, are available for \$1 per sheet.

Orders should be addressed to the UFWOC Defense Fund, P.O. Box 130, Delano, Cal. 93215.

In calling attention to the availability of these commemorative stamps, Cesar Chavez explained that they were produced "to celebrate our struggle to unionize all farm workers."

"With the grape strike won after five years of hard battle, there are still three million farm workers in over 1,000 new frontiers across the rich valleys and plains of America who cry for our continued support and an opportunity to become members of our organization and the AFL-CIO," Chavez said.

Use of the stamps will help publicize the farm workers' struggle and provide funds to continue to wage the battle in behalf of farm workers' rights.

Palmer Gets COPE Backing for Assembly

Kenneth A. Palmer has won the endorsement of the California Labor Council on Political Education for the 36th Assembly District seat encompassing Santa Barbara and part of San Luis Obispo Counties.

Palmer, a consultant to government and business and a Democrat, won the endorsement after the Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, and San Luis Obispo County COPEs recommended it to state COPE.

The seat had been left "Open" at the State COPE endorsing convention on August 5. John F. Henning, executive officer of COPE polled the Executive Council earlier this month which subsequently approved the endorsement of Palmer.