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New Data Boosts Workmen Comp. Like to \$71 Mill.

More than \$8 million more in workmen's compensation benefits will go to California workers suffering job-connected injuries or illness than the \$63 million that was reported when the State AFL-CIO-backed workmen's compensation bill was signed last month, new data disclosed this week.

"This boosts the total increase in workmen's compensation benefits won for California workers (Continued on Page 2)

200,000 Calif. Workers May Rate Extra Jobless Pay

Some 200,000 California workers may be eligible for 13 weeks of additional federal unemployment benefits due largely to the efforts of U.S. Senator John V. Tunney (D-Calif.) under legislation signed by President Nixon last Friday.

Tunney fought to amend a measure by Senator Warren G.

Magnuson (D-Wash.) that initially called for a 26-week extension of federal jobless benefits for the unemployed in states where the unemployment rate had been seven percent or more for six months.

Tunney's amendment lowered the rate to 6.5 percent, enabling (Continued on Page 4)

The President Needs A Rest

Whatever political opponents may think of his social philosophy or personal ways, Richard Nixon has always been a busy man. It is time, however, that he stayed in Florida for a quiet month.

The President is exhausting himself and imperiling the country in frenzied activity that no man may long continue without risk. His nerve ends are already showing.

At the Azores press conference which followed his meeting with Pompidou of France, he slurred words in alarming fashion. Phrases came out in reverse order. Later the White House issued a formal statement explaining it had all been due to the fact the President had little or no sleep the previous night.

The White House solemnly said the President had stayed up until 4:00 a.m. in order to hear a trans-Atlantic radio broadcast of the Washington Redskins-Los Angeles Rams football game.

It was worse the month before in Miami Beach at the biennial convention of the AFL-CIO. The President's hands shook markedly throughout his political address.

He told the labor delegates that he had been proud of his father until "the day I died." He called Spiro Agnew "President Agnew," which was frightening enough. (Continued on Page 3)



Sen. John V. Tunney Wins Aid For Jobless

Support Urge For Dinner To Aid Frontlash

Northern California affiliates of the State AFL-CIO were urged this week to take part in a dinner to benefit Frontlash, a State AFL-CIO-supported organization which is seeking to spur voter registration among California's 2.5 million youths in the 18 to 24 age bracket.

Featured speakers at the dinner (Continued on Page 2)

Alert Workers To New Benefits, State Fed Urges

The availability of 13 weeks of additional unemployment compensation benefits won't do the jobless workers any good unless they know about it.

That's the gist of a letter sent to labor councils throughout the state this week by John F. Henning, executive secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, to urge the councils to alert all affiliated local unions and their members of the new federal jobless benefits.

The new legislation, signed December 30, 1971, provides benefits to unemployed workers (Continued on Page 2)

U.S. Senate Probing 'Corporate Feudalism' on California Farms

The first of three days of hearings by a U.S. Senate Subcommittee studying the impact of agribusiness and agrigovernment on farmers and farm workers will get underway at 9:00 a.m. next Tuesday, January 11 in the Federal Building at 450 Golden Gate Ave. in San Francisco, U.S. Senator Adlai E. Stevenson III (D-Ill.) announced this week.

Stevenson, chairman of the Subcommittee on Migratory Labor of the Senate Committee on

Labor and Public Welfare, said that the Subcommittee is looking into what he termed a "vast upheaval in rural America" which has been characterized by the growth of "forces of bigness" and the disappearance of family farms.

"California is the most productive agricultural region in the world but what we see emerging in many parts of the state—as in other parts of the country—is corporate feudalism," he observed.

"Large landowners and giant

corporations reap most of the profits from farming and real estate appreciation. Small farmers' incomes are eroded by subsidized corporate competition and rising land taxes.

"Farm workers—notably migrants—and their families are doomed to lives of poverty and hopelessness or are forced to move to urban slums in hopes of finding work or going on welfare," he said.

John F. Henning, executive of (Continued on Page 3)

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ner, which will be held at the Hilton Hotel in San Francisco starting at 7:30 p.m. Friday, January 14, will include Richard Scammon, director of the Elections Research Center and co-author of "The Real Majority," and Norman Hill, associate director of the A. Philip Randolph Institute.

"In this most important of election years, labor must seek community allies who not only produce efficient, low-cost results in registration and get-out-the-vote drives but who also stand with us in the struggle against those who would destroy the workers' movement for social and economic justice," John F. Henning, executive officer of the California Labor Council on Political Education who will also speak at the dinner, said this week.

"Young people working with Frontlash have ably proven themselves on both counts" Henning observed in a letter sent to affiliates of the State AFL CIO in Northern California to urge their support of "this extremely important registration effort."



MAPPING WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES for the critical 1972 election year are Mary L. Yunt (left), who has just been appointed Director of the newly established Women's Activities Section of the California Labor Council on Political Education, and Margaret Thornburgh, Western Area Director of National COPE. Creation of the new women's section is aimed at encouraging women outside the trade union movement to play an active role in organized labor's education, registration, and get-out-the-vote efforts, according to John F. Henning, executive officer of the State AFL-CIO.

"WE DON'T PATRONIZE"

The following firms are currently on the "We Don't Patronize" list of the California Labor Federation, AFL - CIO. Firms are placed on the list in response to written requests from affiliates upon approval of the Federation's Executive Council.

All trade unionists and friends of organized labor are urged not to patronize any of the firms listed here.

Affiliates involved are urged to inform the Federation of any future contract settlements or other developments that would warrant the removal of any of these anti-union firms from the Federation's list.

Unfair firms are:

Coors Beer.

Gaffers & Sattler products.

Kindair Theater Corporation, operators of the following anti-union theaters in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties:

Cinema 70 in Monterey;

Steinbeck Theater in Monterey;

Valley Cinema in Carmel Valley;

**Globe Theater in Salinas;
Cinema Theater in Soquel;
and,**

Twin I & II in Aptos.

**Montgomery Ward in Redding.
Newporter Inn, Newport Beach.**

Tennessee Plastics of Johnson City, Tennessee.

The Nut Tree and the Coffee Tree Restaurant, on Highway 40 between San Francisco and Sacramento.

San Rafael Independent-Journal.

Sea World, San Diego.

The following San Diego area motels:

**Bahia Motel and Motor Lodge,
Catamarran Motor Hotel and Restaurant,**

Islandia Hotel and Restaurant.

In addition the Federation is supporting such national AFL-CIO consumer boycotts as those in progress against the **Los Angeles Herald-Examiner** and the **Kingsport Press** of Kingsport, Tenn., publishers of the "World Book" and "ChildCraft" series.

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by the California Labor Federation in the 1971 session to \$71 million and increases the dollar amount of benefits won in all three of the state's basic social insurance programs to more than \$153 million," John F. Henning, the state AFL-CIO's executive officer, pointed out.

The bill, AB 486, which was authored and guided through the legislative process by Assemblyman Jack R. Fenton (D-Los Angeles), was signed by Governor Reagan December 15. At that time, no estimate was available of the amount of increased benefits to be paid by big, private self-insured firms such as the Pacific Gas and Electric Company and General Motors.

Since then, data developed by the Division of Industrial Accidents of the State Department of Industrial Relations and other reliable sources indicate that the improvements spelled out in AB 486 will require such self-insured firms to pay out about \$7 million more in workmen's compensation benefits to their employees.

The measure also means increased benefits for injured state and local public employees that will amount to an additional \$1 million in benefits, raising the total benefit package to more than \$71 million.

The total cost to employers of the improvements in AB 486 will thus be about \$111 million instead of \$103 million.

Penello Nominated For NLRB Post

John A. Penello, Baltimore Regional Director of the National Labor Relations Board who started his career with the NLRB as a field examiner in 1937, has been nominated by President Nixon for a five-year term as a board member.

Penello, a Democrat, is Nixon's third nominee to the board. The President's other appointees, both Republican's, are Chairman Edward B. Miller and member Ralph E. Kennedy. Other NLRB members are John H. Fanning, a Democrat, and Howard Jenkins, Jr., a Republican.

Nixon's 500,000 Job Claim for Devaluation Draws Fire

The Nixon Administration's devaluation of the U.S. dollar in terms of other world currencies by amounts ranging from eight to 25 percent and its claim that the action would create 500,000 new jobs has come under sharp attack.

True Davis, Jr., president of the National Bank of Washington who served as Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Treasury under President Johnson declared:

"I think this is the greatest public relations fraud that has ever been foisted on the American public."

Asked to comment on the Nixon devaluation order, Davis said:

"The devaluation of the dollar or of the currency of any nation is the forerunner of bankruptcy. The only portion of the American public this devaluation will help is that in the importing business, or connected with it."

On the job issue, Nat Goldfinger, research director of the National AFL-CIO, said:

"There is absolutely no evidence to support the Nixon Administration's contentions that the devaluation of the dollar will create 500,000 new jobs in the United States."

The action on the exchange rates and the dollar, Goldfinger explained, "does not get at the basic, long-range problems of trade."

Nor does it get to the "problems of the multi-national firms and their export of jobs, technology and capital" even though "there may be a temporary short-run impact on the balance of payments as speculators' dollars return to the U.S. money market from Europe and Japan," he explained.

Goldfinger's rebuttal came in the wake of Nixon Administration attempts to paint the devaluation action as a "job development" move.

Late last month as the Group of 10 major free world nations' top economists were beginning their meeting in Washington, D.C., Presidential Aide Peter G. Peterson held a briefing session for the press at which he predicted 500,000 to 750,000 new jobs.

Later Donald Rumsfeld, director of the Cost of Living Council predicted in a television interview that the devaluation action would bring an increase in

jobs of "500,000 to 667,000."

But the AFL-CIO pointed out that the various economic moves by the Nixon Administration in 1971 have had no impact on reducing employment.

As the December 19 Wall

Street Journal pointed out, "What has not happened has been disappointing. There has been no decrease in the high unemployment rate or any real increase in job-providing capital spending by business."

The President Needs A Rest

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Mr. Nixon is the complete politician and a professional but at Miami Beach he fumbled and stumbled like a beginner. He looked pale and worn.

Unless President Nixon finds time to rest he will be victimized by more errors of judgment and vision.

Fatigue means confusion and there were signs of that recently when India sent its planes and troops against East Pakistan. The President left the Free World holding its breath as he condemned India and ordered elements of the U.S. 7th Fleet to the Bay of Bengal.

The U.S.S. Enterprise was there with her carrier striking power and nuclear warheads. Also present was the possibility of another Tonkin Gulf incident and more hell on earth for divided America.

There were no Americans to evacuate when the ships appeared and the reckless display of power only drove India further from U.S. influence.

His latest blunder came on his national television interview with Dan Rather of CBS. Slips of the tongue are understandable but it was a confused politician who couldn't get it straight on how we were going to leave Vietnam.

Mr. Nixon needs a rest. The job is running away with him.

Senate Probes Corporate Feudalism on Cal. Farms

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Ficer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, will present the State AFL-CIO's views to the Subcommittee in the Ceremonial Courtroom on the 19th floor of the Federal Building on Tuesday.

The second California hearing will be held Wednesday, January 12 starting at 10:00 a.m. in the Federal Building in Fresno.

The Subcommittee will return to San Francisco for the third hearing which will be held in the same place in the Federal Building on Thursday, January 13 starting at 9:00 a.m.

Stevenson said the Subcommittee hearings would focus on three primary questions:

● Who owns the land in California?

● What are the consequences of land holding patterns on farmers and farm workers, on

consumers, on rural communities, and on the environment?

● How do federal and state policies affect the distribution of land, wealth and power in California?

Trade unionists or others interested in testifying before the committee should contact Boren Chertkov, counsel of the Subcommittee on Migratory Labor at (202) 225-4538 or Hal Levy, special assistant to Senator Stevenson at (202) 225-8806.

Witnesses at the hearing are expected to include state and federal officials, farmers and farm workers, representatives of business and labor as well as experts on a number of subject areas including taxation, rural sociology, agricultural economics, population distribution and movement, and economic development.

John F. Henning, executive officer of the California Labor Federation had assailed the Nixon Administration's 500,000 job claim on December 22, pointing out that it was "a particularly ironic statement to come from a national Administration whose disastrous economic policies have already cost the U.S. economy some two million jobs."

While allowing that the devaluation might stimulate employment in export-related industries, Henning said, "It doesn't at all mean this will counterbalance the continuing exportation of U.S. technology and jobs by U.S. corporations to their foreign subsidiaries."

Henning said the devaluation action "signals the urgent need for immediate corrective surgery on the nation's foreign trade and corporate tax laws," a reference to the AFL-CIO's strong support for enactment of the foreign trade bills introduced by U.S. Senator Vance Hartke (D-Indiana) and Rep. James A. Burke (D-Mass.) which seek to provide for the equitable taxation of the foreign subsidiaries of U.S. corporations, limit the exporting of jobs and technology, regulate the flood tide of imports and tighten restrictions against foreign "dumping." The measures are H.R. 10914 and S. 2592.

Sam's Last Words: 'Keep the Faith'

From his death bed in 1924, Samuel Gompers dictated the following statement to his fellow trade unionists:

"Say to them that as I kept the faith, I expect they will keep the faith. They must carry on. Say to them that a union man carrying a card cannot be a good citizen unless he upholds American institutions, and he is a poor citizen if he upholds American institutions and forgets his obligations to his trade associations."

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Bldg. Trades Hit Reagan for Veto Of Safety Bills

The State Building and Construction Trades Council of California this week protested Governor Reagan's veto of two measures designed to protect construction workers but praised the Governor for signing a trenching safety bill.

James S. Lee, President of the Council, said that the Governor "completely disregarded the first aid needs of thousands of building tradesmen employed on construction jobs throughout the state" when he vetoed AB 1204, a measure introduced by Assemblyman Larry Townsend (D-Los Angeles) and supported by the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO.

Lee pointed out that the measure would have required an adequate first aid facility on all construction job-sites.

"Many deaths could have been avoided and the seriousness of job-site injuries reduced had there been proper first-aid kits available and on larger job-sites someone trained to administer emergency first aid," he said.

Lee also expressed "grave concern" over Reagan's veto of AB 681 — McCarthy, another measure sponsored by the State Building and Construction Trades Council which would have required the Division of Industrial Safety to respond to a valid complaint of an unsafe place of employment within three working days.

"Enforcement of the construction safety orders under the present Administration is practically non-existent," Lee charged.

He also noted that the bill was strongly opposed by employer associations, the Department of Industrial Relations and the Division of Industrial Safety and that Reagan had vetoed a similar bill, AB 1383 also introduced by Assemblyman McCarthy (D-San Francisco) during the 1970 session.

The building and construction trades official expressed satisfaction that the Governor had signed a third measure, AB 1366 — Roberti, a Council-sponsored trenching safety bill.

This measure will require city and county building departments to attach the construction safety orders covering trenches and excavations when issuing building

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California's half million jobless workers to be potentially eligible for the extension.

As finally passed by Congress, however, the bill limits the new extended benefits for states with the heaviest unemployment rates to 13 weeks, for an overall maximum of one year of state and federal benefits.

It also was enacted as temporary legislation with no new benefit period allowed to start after July 1 and with the program to close down by Oct. 1.

Last week the California State Department of Human Re-

sources said California would not qualify for the extra benefits at the moment because its insured unemployment rate falls one-half of one percent below the 6.5 percent criteria set up by law.

But Bill Lawson, a spokesman for the Department pointed out that the measure does not become effective for 30 days and by that time seasonal unemployment fluctuations are expected to push the California rate up to 6.5 percent.

The formula determining whether a state is eligible for the new program is based both on insured unemployment and

the number of persons who have exhausted their benefits.

In California, the bill would provide extra benefits at a rate of up to \$75 per week (or a maximum of \$965) for jobless workers who exhausted their normal entitlement of 39 weeks (26 state and 13 federal) in 1971.

The U.S. Labor Department estimated that some 730,000 workers would receive the emergency benefits at a cost to the federal government of some \$454.1 million.

Jobless workers in 10 states in addition to California will be eligible for benefits under the program.

Can Young Voters Make A Difference in 1972?

More than 2.5 million young California citizens will be eligible to register and vote for the first time in the 1972 presidential election but few, if any, election experts expect even half that number to cast ballots.

This is because, traditionally, only about 20 to 25 percent of the voters in that age group who get around to registering actually go to the polls.

Question is: "Could they make a difference?"

The answer, if viewed in the perspective of the 1968 election in which Richard M. Nixon defeated Hubert H. Humphrey in California by a margin of 223,346 or barely three percent of the total of more than 6.7 million California votes cast for the nation's highest office, is YES! A big difference.

Even if only four out of 10 of the 2,570,000 18 to 24 year old voters registered and only 25 percent of those registered

went to the polls they'd account for more than 250,000 votes.

Those are the votes that Frontlash, a State AFL-CIO-supported organization which seeks to involve and activate youth in the nation's political process, hope to harvest within the next nine months.

Just for the record there are 1,066,000 citizens in the 18 to 20 age bracket and 1,514,000 in the 21-24 age bracket in California according to the 1970 Census.

Interested youths and sons and daughters of trade unionists who want to get constructively involved in the 1972 election campaign should contact the Frontlash organizer nearest them as listed below.

Bakersfield—Barbara Hamilton, 1218 Meredith Dr., 831-0438.

Contra Costa—Cindy Amiotte, 1515 Market, San Pablo, 235-8727; 237-2226.

Fresno—John Stallsmith, 1515

N. Glenn, 264-2422.

Los Angeles—Jim Wood, 2130 W. 9th St., 381-5611; or Carol Marcuse, 4519 Radford, North Hollywood, 872-1626.

Riverside - San Bernardino — Carl Wood, 2492 Carleton Place, Riverside 684-7553.

Sacramento — Alan Clarke, 2525 Stockton Blvd., 452-4911; or 481-8639.

San Diego — Steve Bieringer, 339 W. Broadway, 282-6573.

San Francisco—Dan Matlock, 495 14th Ave., Apt. 7, 751-9238.

San Mateo—Mike Lopez, 2498 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, 368-8787.

Santa Clara—Frank Reddick, 3241 Oriol Drive, San Jose, 243-8821.

Sonoma and Marin — Mike Sheehan, 7367 Belita Ave., Rohnert Park, 795-3448.

Ventura—Eugene Morales, 215 E. Lewis, Ventura, 643-6054 or Gerald Kapuscik, 745 E. Columbia Dr., Oxnard, 488-2412.

permits for the construction of a trench or excavation five feet or more in depth.

With the construction safety order attached to every building permit, Lee said, "the employer will not have an excuse for not knowing exactly what he must do to protect his employees when they are working in a trench or excavation."

However, Lee pointed out that the Department of Industrial Relations at the Division of Industrial Safety actively opposed the bill at all hearings.

Looking for a Job Overseas?

If you're an expert in vocational training programs or in apprenticeship and in-plant training you may want to investigate the possibilities of working overseas for the International Labor Organization (ILO).

Various jobs, some involving vocational training for railways or the establishment of training standards are available at salaries ranging from \$12,000 to \$20,000, mostly tax free.

The ILO is a specialized

agency of the United Nations. The Department of Labor recommends qualified candidates for various technical assistance assignments which generally require training as an instructor and about five years of teaching experience.

Further information and job descriptions may be obtained by writing to James H. Quackenbush, Acting Chief, Division of Overseas Cooperation, Bureau of International Labor, Wash. D.C.