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Meany Attacks 'Corruption' In Watergate

Anyone who is listening to the Senate Watergate hearings "would have to come to the conclusion that there was widespread corruption in the executive branch of the government." AFL - CIO President George Meany declared last week.

He told a jammed news conference at the opening session of the Executive Council meeting at Oak Brook, Ill., that the question of corruption in the executive branch is the most important question facing the country, topping in importance the question of whether Presi-(Continued on Page D-112)

Younger Eyes Probe of Farm **Beating Charge**

California Attorney General Evelle J. Younger said this week that his office had "no justification to undertake active investigation" of charges that farm worker pickets were hosed and beaten in their cells in Fresno County jail last month "unless it appears local law enforcement authorities are unwilling or unable to fulfill their responsibilities."

Younger's response was in acknowledgement of a wire sent to him by John F. Henning, ex-(Continued on Page 4)

Note Supplement To Digest of Bills

This issue of the California AFL-CIO News contains several more pages of the California Labor Federation's "Digest of Bills" including all bills being followed by the Federation that were introduced prior to the legislature's summer recess which ended August 6.

They start with page D-109 to follow in sequence with the last "Digest of Bills" printed in the June 22, 1973 issue.

State Fed Urges Action

Immediate action to defeat an anti-labor farm worker bargaining bill now before the Senate Industrial Relations Committee was urged by the California AFL-CIO this week.

The action came after the

Senate, through a parliamentary maneuver, revived the bill, SB 493, by a 30 to 1 vote and rereferred it to the Industrial Relations Committee. It could be taken up for a vote at anytime.

The only Senator voting

against re-referring and thereby reviving this anti-farm worker bill was Senator George Moscone (D-San Francisco).

John F. Henning, executive secretary-treasurer of the Cal-(Continued on Page 4)

Assembly Passes Fed's Economic Impact Bill

California AFL-CIO-sponsored legislation to help assure that public agencies understand both the economic and environmental impact of proposed construction projects before approving or rejecting them came out of the Assembly Monday with two votes to spare.

The bill, AB 938 introduced by Assemblyman Charles Warren (D-Los Angeles), won approval on a 56 to 14 vote. As an appropriation measure, it needed a two-thirds vote of the 80-member Assembly or 54 votes for approval.

The bill would require economic impact reports to be filed whenever environmental impact reports are required for pro-posed construction projects under the State's 1970 Environmental Quality Act and the Friends of Mammoth Court decision which held that act to apply to private as well as public projects.

John F. Henning, executive of-

ficer of the California Labor Federation, praised Assembly Speaker Bob Moretti and Assemblyman Charles Warren for their leadership in steering the bill through the Assembly.

"California workers are just as concerned as anybody else (Continued on Page 2)

Lockyer Swamps Nixon-Backer To Win Primary

Bill Lockyer easily outdistanced four other Democrats in the race for the 14th Assembly District seat vacated by the death of Assemblyman Robert Crown earlier this year but fell short of winning an absolute majority of all votes cast in the special primary election last Tuesday in Alameda County.

Lockyer, the California Labor COPE-endorsed candidate who

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ITU Delegates **Urged to Back** Liberals in '74

Warning that the threat of this nation slipping into "constitutional fascism" has clearly been evidenced by the hearings growing out of the Watergate scandal, John F. Henning called on delegates to the International Typographical Union's convention in San Diego this week to give their full support to liberal candidates in the '74 elections.

"We in labor are non-partisan with regard to party but conservatism is a disaster," Henning said.

Asserting that the nation's economy is "completely out of control," Henning declared:

"Political conservatism has nothing of value to offer the labor movement, the nation or the world.

"In America we have found it offers only critical unemployment, absolutely uncontrolled inflation, devaluation of the dol-

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Blamed for ousing Crisis

Oak Brook, Ill. - Deliberate Administrative policies have caused an emergency that has priced millions of Americans out of the housing market and denied decent housing to the poor and elderly, the AFL-CIO charged.

In a sharp statement denounc-

ing a series of Administration action's, the federation's Executive Council said the situation was summed up in the White House's "cynical attitude toward the housing crisis" in announcing that its recommendations would not be ready until Sept. 7.

What is needed, the council asserted, is a series of immediate actions including:

• An end to the moratorium on construction of all federally subsidized housing including compliance with a recent court decision ordering the government to lift the ban.

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TOM BRADLEY, newly elected Mayor of Los Angeles, was honored at a reception sponsored by the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor at the Hilton Hotel. Among the scores of union officials on hand to wish him well were (from left): Willie Robinson, Business Representative of Laborers Local 300 and second vice chairman of the Los Angeles Chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute; Harry Jordan, Statewide Field Coordinator of California Labor COPE; Mason Warren, Regional Manager of the Laborers International Union; Mayor Bradley; Roger Fisher, Laborers International Union Rep.; and Tom Bibbs, Business Representative of Laborers Local 300 and also a board member of the APRI Chapter in Los Angeles.

Printers Urged to Back Liberals in '74

(Continued from Page 1) lar and a serious foreign trade deficit.

"Political conservatism has meant the giving to the government in Washington the powers of the C.I.A, and the F.B.I. for the harassment and intimidation of those in dissent . . .

"We will suffer no more of this. We must clean the political conservatives out and elect liberal candidates."

John J. Pilch, president of the 121-year-old, 58,000-member union, told the delegates that the ITU would face the challenges of automation and new technology now confronting workers in the printing industry with the "same optimism and confidence" that has served the union in the past.

"There have been numerous installations of scanners (high speed typesetting equipment) around the country and this creates an impact on our security and job opportunities," he said.

"Right now this is one of our major problems and we are trying to get as much information on this new technology as we can.

"We have staff personnel attending printing trades shows and touring printing facilities. We have prepared written material and films for educational purposes," he noted.

Pilch credited management

with being generally cooperative in giving the ITU access to their plants to make the films and in providing information on new

processes.

The convention which involved some 400 delegates at the San Diego Community Concourse, also heard John Banks, a spokesman for the United Farm Workers Union, disclose that the UFW was planning a convention which will probably be held at La Paz, the Union's headquarters near Keene in Kern County, but no specific date for it has as yet been set.

Other ITU spokesmen at the convention emphasized that the union does not resist technological change but seeks to meet its challenge by retraining its members.

TRAINING CENTER SET UP

In recognition of the advent of teletype-setting back in 1955, the union established an ITU training center in Colorado Springs in 1956, one speaker recalled.

Carl Smith, a consultant for the training center, noted that the advent of teletype-setting "was the first major breakthrough in speeding up the printing process since the linotype was invented 87 years ago."

In the past two or three years, he noted, other advances have been coming on rapidly such as photo composition and the use of computers in the printing production process.

R. R. Richardson, secretary-treasurer of the host San Diego-Imperial Counties Central Labor Council, called attention to the fact that the Typographical Union was the first one formed in San Diego and that its early leaders played a significant role in establishing the council.

Richardson noted that San Diego once had a conservative reputation but that today it "is very progressive politically."

Ten years ago the labor council "was broke and had no unity," he said. It had 48 local unions as members. Today, he noted, "all five of the area's assemblymen are labor-endorsed, one of our congressmen is supported by labor" and "we now have 130 affiliates."

"The challenge was to unite labor and we've accomplished it," he said.

One of the major issues before the convention, which was scheduled to end today, is a proposed merger between the ITU and the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants Union of North America.

IPPAU President Alexander J. Rohan described such a merger as an "absolute necessity" in an address to the delegates Tuesday.

Current problems of advanced technology in the publishing in-

Fed's Economic Impact Report Bill OK'd 56-14

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about real environmental pollution and gross exploitation of our natural resources.

"This legislation is designed to assure that public agencies have access to the pros and cons of both environmental and economic considerations when considering the feasibility and desirability of proposed new projects," Henning said.

Voting for this State AFL-CIO-

backed bill were:

Assemblymen Alatorre (D);
Bagley (R); Bannai (R); Bee
(D); Berman (D); Beverly (R);
Boatwright (D); Bond (R); Burton (D); Chacon (D); Cline (R);
Cory (D); Craven (R); Cullen
(D); Davis (D); Deddeh (D);
Dixon (D); Duffy (R); Dunlap
(D); Fenton (D); Foran (D);

Garcia (D); Gonsalves (D);
Gonzales (D); Bill Greene (D);
Leroy Greene (D); Hayden (R);
Ingalls (D); Johnson (D); Kapiloff (D); Keene (D); Keysor (D); Lewis (R); MacDonald (D); MacGillivray (R); Maddy (R); McAlister (D); McCarthy (D); Meade (D); Miller (D); Moretti (D); Murphy (R); Nimmo (R); Papan (D); Powers (D); Quimby (D); Seeley (R); Sieroty (D); Thomas (D); Thurman (D); Vasconcellos (D); Warren (D); Waxman (D); Wilson (D); Wood (R); and Z'berg (D).

Opposed were: Assemblymen Antonovich (R); Badham (R); Briggs (R); Burke (R); Carter (R); Chappie (R); Collier (R); Ray Johnson (R); Lancaster (R); Lanterman (R); McLennan (R); Mobley (R); Priolo (R); and Russell (R).

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Although Rohan received warm applause from the delegates, one union official said he doubted that any official action would be taken during the current convention.

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Four Hotel Union Officials Named State Organizers

Four veteran officials of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union in California have been appointed state organizers by the union's International President Edward T. Hanley.

The appointees, who will be subject to call by the international union for trouble shooting missions anywhere in the state, are:

Robert Giesick, Business Manager of the Los Angeles Joint Executive Board of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union:

Joseph Medeiros, Secretary-Treasurer of Culinary Workers and Bartenders Union Local 823 in Hayward:

Thomas A. (Tiny) Small, Secretary-Treasurer of Bartenders and Culinary Workers Local 340 in San Mateo, and:

Jackie Walsh, President of the San Francisco Joint Board of the union.

All will retain their present posts while taking on the additional duties of state organizers.

Giesick served as business agent for Miscellaneous Restaurant Employees Local 440 from 1958 to 1959 and then worked for one year for the Los Angeles District Council of Carpenters as an organizer before taking over his present duties with the Los Angeles Joint Executive Board.

Earlier in his career he was associated with the Lumber and Sawmill Workers in Northern California, a union in which he still holds membership.

Giesick also served as a vice president of the California Federation of Labor for several years during the 1950s.

Medeiros, born in San Miguel in the Azores, Portugal, was first elected to the Local's Executive Board in 1950 and subsequently served as vice president and president of the Local. He became a full-time business agent for the union in 1960 and was elected to his present position in 1969.

Medeiros is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Alameda County Central Labor Council and a trustee of the Local's pension, health and welfare programs.

Small, who has served as a vice president of the California Labor Federation for some 30 years, has long been a major force in the Union on the West Coast.

He served for 15 years as a hearing officer on assignments from the international union and returned recently from a meeting on state organizing held in Minneapolis, Minn.

While there he attended a dinner honoring the international union's President-Emeritus Ed Miller, which raised \$300,000 for the union's pet charity, St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

This non-sectarian hospital, which was founded in 1958 with the help of a \$250,000 grant from the union, treats and engages in research into so-called incurable diseases such as cancer and leukemia. All cases are treated without charge.

Noted for his warmth, wit, and encyclopedic memory, Small has served as Secretary-Treasurer of Local 340 for the past 32 years. He was among the first to negotiate life insurance for bartenders in 1944 and spearheaded negotiation of a health and welfare plan for the Local's membership in 1947. The union carried this program the first year itself just to prove it was feasible, but it has been employer-paid since 1948, he said.

The Local is also proud of the fact that it has never been obliged to levy a "fine or an assessment for anything" against its members in the past 32 years, he noted.

Jackie Walsh, born in Indian territory in Oklahoma, was initiated into the labor movement during the 89-day hotel strike of 1937 shortly after she joined Local 283 of the Hotel Service Employees Union in San Francisco.

In July 1939 she was appointed assistant secretary of Waitresses Local 48. A year later she was elected business agent and in 1942 became president.

Following her first term, she served two more years as business agent and then was reelected president in 1946, a post she held continuously until 1971 when she decided to partially retire and step down to the post of Local Vice President, a post she still holds.

Long active in consumer affairs, she has served as vice president or president of various statewide consumer organizations since 1960 and in 1971 was elected treasurer of the Consumer Federation of California.

In 1966 she was appointed by Governor Brown to serve on the Advisory Committee to the first California Commission on the Status of Women. She also served on the State Industrial Welfare Commission's Wage Board covering the hotel and restaurant industry in 1962 and again in 1967. She was a delegate to the San Francisco Labor Council from 1940 until 1971.

She served as chairman of the committee that negotiated the Waitresses' Union's first health and welfare benefit package in 1950.

J.P. Howard Hicks Dies in Miami at 61

J. P. Howard Hicks, a pioneer in the field of white-collar unionism who had served as secretary-treasurer of the AFL-CIO Office and Professional Employees International Union since 1945, died in Miami last month.

Hicks, 61, succumbed to a cerebral hemorrhage while returning home from a meeting of the Inter-American Regional Organization of the International Federation of Commercial, Clerical, and Technical Employees in Bogota, Colombia.

Bill to Aid Injured Workers Wins OK

Legislation to assure injured workers the right to examine and get copies of medical examination when they are involved in a workmen's compensation case won Assembly approval Monday.

The State AFL-CIO-backed bill, SB 1052 introduced by Senator Milton Marks (R-San Francisco), cleared the Senate on a 35 to 0 vote and was sent to the Assembly.

State Fed Urges Action to Kill Anti-Labor Farm Bill

(Continued from Page 1) fornia Labor Federation, wrote to all affiliates yesterday saying:

"Senate Bill 493 — Zenovich, an anti-labor farm worker bill, has been revived and re-referred to the Senate Industrial Relations Committee.

"SB 493 would destroy effective farm labor unionism by allowing growers to determine the time of representation elections as well as the eligibility of vot-

ers. It would also outlaw the secondary boycott and ban consumer boycotts.

"SB 493 serves only the economic interests of California's agribusiness community at the expense of California's long exploited farm workers.

"Please contact all members of the Senate Industrial Relations Committee at once to urge them to oppose SB 493."

Members of the Senate Indus-

Creation of the "Sacramento

Organizing Committee" became

a reality late last month at the

conclusion of a meeting of some

four dozen Sacramento area la-

trial Relations Committee are: Senators Alan Short, chairman (D-Stockton); W. Craig Biddle, vice chairman (R-Riverside); George Moscone (D-San Francisco); H. L. Richardson (R-Arcadia); David A. Roberti (D-Los Angeles); Albert S. Rodda (D-Sacramento); and John Stull (R-San Diego).

Wires or letters should be sent to the individual senators at: State Senate, State Capitol, Sacramento, Ca. 95814,

Fight Bad Trade Bill

Congress has left the trade bill (H.R. 6767) in a highly unsatisfactory form. In its present stage, without quotas on imports, it is totally unacceptable. Its effect, if passed, would be more damaging than no bill at all.

Call or visit your Congressman while he is home during the August 3 to September 4 recess and drive home the message: "No quotas, no bill."

See California AFL-CIO News story of July 27, 1973 for details.

Younger Eyes Probe of Farm Beating Charge

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ecutive secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, on July 25 in which Henning called for an immediate investigation of charges that pickets for the United Farm Workers Union had been required "to run a gauntlet over a slippery jail floor while they were kicked and clubbed with broom handles, rubber hoses and night sticks" by jail authorities.

Younger said that the Attorney General's office was "closely observing the investigative activities undertaken by local agencies" and indicated that further involvement by the Attorney General's office would be determined after that investigation is completed.

"If it appears that the investigation is incomplete or has been improperly evaluated," Younger said, "we will take appropriate action."

Sacramento Organizing Committee Established

member's home," he said.

Kenny also cited the need for organized labor to redouble its voter registration efforts, "especially going into 1974—when we hopefully elect a new Governor, one friendly to working men and women."

bor officials in Sacramento.

The meeting was called by Tom Kenny, Executive Officer of the Sacramento Central Labor Council, who pointed out that such a committee was needed to help strengthen basic unity in the labor movement as well as on the political scene and in connection with jurisdictional disputes and organizational efforts.

Envisioned as a broadly based coalition within the Sacramento area labor movement, the Sacramento Organizing Committee (SOC) will include representation from all local unions and councils in the area.

Most labor officials are fully aware, he said, "that we must have jobs for our people. For you — for your members — for others—for the community—and of course, for the movement."

Kenny called attention to the fact that the labor movement is faced "with the challenge of changing times and conditions."

He also urged local union leaders in the Sacramento area to make better use of the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin, the council's official paper.

"Too many unions are token subscribers, or non-subscribers. Without a voice in the community we can't properly inform our people. With a greater subscription list, the Bulletin could do a far better job in getting solid information into every

Joe Cambiaño Gets 70-Year Pin In Carpenters

Joseph F. Cambiano, a former member of the International Executive Board of the Carpenters Union and past president of the California State Council of Carpenters, has been awarded a pin marking his 70th year of membership in the Carpenters Union.

The presentation was made at a meeting of Carpenters Local 162 by M. B. (Bud) Bryant, a member of the 8th District Council of Carpenters Executive Board.

William Sidell, International President of the union, was unable to attend but sent Brother Cambiano a letter of congratulations and expressed regret at being unable to make the presentation personally, according to Earl W. Honerlah, Business Representative of San Mateo Carpenters Local 162.

Cambiano was one of the founders and first president of the California State Council of Carpenters which was created in 1928.

He celebrated his 87th birth-day last December 13.

Two Fed Jobless Pay Bills Win Committee's OK

Two bills aimed at strengthening the capability of California workers to cope with periods of unemployment won the approval of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee this week and were sent to the Assembly floor.

The bills, AB 736 and AB 738, were both introduced by Assemblyman Leon Ralph at the request of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO.

AB 736 calls for tips in excess of \$20 a week to be treated as wages for purposes of determining employer and worker contributions to the unemployment fund.

It would authorize employers to estimate and withhold sufficient unemployment contributions from workers' salaries to include contributions derived from tips. It would also make the employer liable for employee contributions on tips to the extent such tips are reported as wages by workers.

AB 738 would increase the amount of wages that a worker eligible for unemployment benefits could receive from \$12 to \$18 per week without eliminating the worker's jobless pay benefits.

Lockyer Swamps Nixon-Backer To Win Primary

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had served as Crown's administrative assistant, polled 12,798 votes, 44.4 percent of all votes cast in the seven-candidate race.

Lockyer swamped his only serious Democratic contender, San Leandro Mayor Jack Maltester who had backed Nixon in 1972. Maltester polled only 7,717 votes.

Lockyer will face Republican William M. McCall, an Alameda City Councilman, and Robert Evans, a minor party candidate, in a special runoff election on September 4.

McCall, the only Republican in the race, polled 6,330 votes.

Only 36 percent of the district's 82,222 voters went to the polls last Tuesday.

The district includes East Oakland, Alameda, San Leandro and San Lorenzo.

THE CALIFORNIA AFL-CIO's

DIGEST OF BILLS

The measures below introduced in the 1973-74 regular session of the California Legislature are classified by the California Labor Federation as "Good," "Bad," or "Watch." An asterisk (*) indicates a bill sponsored by the California Labor Federation. Some bills will carry a cross (†) after the "Watch" designation indicating that the Federation will defer to the wishes of affected affiliates on the ultimate classification of the bill. Such bills are printed in the digest to inform affiliates involved. No bill may be taken up until 30 days after the date of introduction indicated in the digest, except by a three-quarters vote. When the abbreviation (H.A.D.) appears in the digest following the author's name, it means that the measure has been held at the Speaker's desk in the House of origin and has not yet been assigned to a committee.

ASSEMBLY BILLS

AB 2579—Ralph (G.O.)—Creates a Division of the State Lottery in an unspecified department of state government, and prescribes its functions, powers, and duties.

Appropriates an unspecified amount of money from the General Fund to the State Lottery Fund for the Division of the State Lottery to carry out its functions and duties.

To become operative only if ACA 18 of the 1973-74 Regular Session of the Legislature is approved by the voters. June 27.

State and Local Government-Watch

AB 2580—Briggs (Rev. & Tax.)—Increases cigarette tax \$0.02 per pack of 20 cigarettes from January 1, 1975, until January 1, 1976.

Appropriates increased cigarette tax revenues resulting from such increased tax to the Regents of the University of California for cancer hamand significant to the research.

To take effect immediately, tax levy, and to become operative on January 1, 1975. June 28. Taxation—Watch

AB 2582—Fong (Emp. & P.E.)—Requires payment of 1% per month penalty on amount of valid claim for reimbursement for moving expenses by a state officer or employee by the state agency responsible for misinformation causing delay of more than 15 days in payment of the claim. Directs Board of Control to adopt rules and regulations covering the payment of such penalties.

Appropriates from operating budget of the agency or agencies responsible for the misinformation funds to pay for such penalties.

To take effect immediately, urgency statute. June 29.

State and Local Government—Watch†

KEY TO SENATE ABBREVIATIONS

Committee	
Abbreviations	Committee
(Agr. & Wat. Res.)	. Agriculture and Water Resources
(B. & P.)	. Business and Professions
(Ed.)	. Education
(E. & R.)	. Elections and Reapportionment
(Fin.)	. Finance
(G.O.)	. Governmental Organization
(H. & W.)	
(I.R.)	
(I. & F.I.)	. Insurance and Financial Institutions
(Jud.)	. Judiciary
(L. Gov.)	. Local Government
	. Natural Resources and Wildlife
	. Public Employment and Retirement
	. Public Utilities and Corporations
(Rev. & Tax.)	
(Ris.)	
(Trans.)	

AB 2583—Foran (Urban Dev. & H.)—Enacts the California Residential Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

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Authorizes the issuance and sale by cities, counties, municipal or public corporations, districts, and redevelopment agencies of revenue bonds and bond anticipation notes not secured by the taxing powers of such local agencies for the purpose of making loans for residential rehabilitation, as defined. Requires, prior to the issuance of any such bonds or notes, that such local agencies adopt comprehensive residential rehabilitation programs providing a procedure for the selection of areas in which residential rehabilitation loans are to be made and in which the local agency shall undertake a special program of enforcement of state or local housing standards. Specifies the type and nature of the bonds and notes authorized to be issued which are payable from specified revenues, including the repayment of principal, interest and other charges in connection with residential rehabilitation loans.

Exempts such bonds from requirements of any other law applicable to the issuance of bonds. Provides that in the construction and acquisition of a project pursuant to the act, such a local governmental agency need not comply with requirements pertaining to the construction or acquisition of public works, except as specifically provided in the act. June 29.

Housing—Watch

KEY TO ASSEMBLY ABBREVIATIONS

Committee	
Abbreviations	Committee
(Agri.)	. Agriculture
	. Commerce and Public Utilities
(C.A.)	
(Crim. J.)	
(Ed.)	
(E. & C.C.)	
	. Elections and Reapportionment
	Employment and Public Employees
(Fin. & Ins.)	
(Gov. Adm.)	
(G.O.)	
(Health)	
	· Intergovernmental Relations
(Jud.)	· Judiciary
(Labor Rel.)	· Labor Relations
(L. Gov.)	
	· Natural Resources and Conservation
(P. & L.U.)	· Planning and Land Use
(Ret.)	
(Rev. & Tax.)	Revenue and Taxation
(Ris.)	. Rules
(Trans.)	· Transportation
	. Urban Development and Housing
(Water)	. Water
(W. & M.)	
(Welfare)	

ASSEMBLY BILLS (Cont'd)

AB 2585—Joint Committee on the Master Plan for Higher Education, Assemblyman Vasconcellos (Chairman) (Ed.). Establishes educational functions of various segments of public higher education.

Declares legislative intent that a continuous planning process, rather than the fixed master plan approach, be used in development of public postsecondary education.

Prescribes standards to govern intersegmental cooperation.

Makes related changes. June 29.

Education—Watch

AB 2586, Joint Committee on the Master Plan for Higher Education, Assemblyman Vasconcellos (Chairman) (Ed.). Revises provisions re composition of Board of Governors of California Community Colleges to: delete with respect to Governors appointments, requirements of two-thirds vote of the Senate; increase the number appointed by Governor from 15 to 16 and specify a required method of such appointments; add a member who is a representative of the alumni of the community colleges; and add two nonvoting members with right of full participation, one community college faculty member and one community college student, selected by the respective faculties and students.

Increases terms of members of Board of Governors of California Community Colleges from 4 years to 8 years.

Establishes nomination procedure for Governor's appointments to Trustees of California State University and Colleges and any agency created by statute for the statewide administration of community colleges

Revises provision re composition of Trustees of the California State University to: delete the requirement of two-thirds vote by the Senate for confirmation of Governor's appointments and specify a required method of such appointments; add a member who is a representative of the alumni association of the state university and colleges; and add two nonvoting members with right of full participation, one state university or college faculty member and one state university or college student, selected by the respective faculties and students. June 29.

AB 2587, Joint Committee on the Master Plan for Higher Education, As-

semblyman Vasconcellos (Chairman) (Ed.). Requires central offices of Postsecondary Education Commission, California State University and Colleges, and the California Community Colleges to be located in Sacramento. June 29.

SENATE BILLS

SB 1419—Grunsky (Ed.)—Prescribes method for computing tuition payments when pupils of elementary school district attend junior high school in schools maintained by high school district.

To take effect immediately, urgency statute. June 11.

Education—Watch

SB 1433—Dymally (Rev. & Tax.)—Limits total accumulated depletion allowances under Personal Income Tax and Bank and Corporation Tax laws to taxpayers adjusted cost of property subject to depletion allowance. Provides for capitalization of intangible drilling and development costs in the case of oil and gas wells, instead of allowing as a deduction from income.

Increases tax on items of tax preferences in excess of \$10,000, rather than \$30,000, from 2.5 to 5 percent.

Allows persons with more than \$5,000 in deductions under the Personal Income Tax Law to deduct only that portion which bears the same proportion as such person's taxable income bears to his total income, whether includable in gross income or exempt.

Requires gains from sale of capital assets in excess of \$5,000 be taxed as ordinary income under the Personal Income Tax Law.

Requires banks and insurance companies to pay utility users taxes and eliminates the home office deduction with respect to insurance companies, operatice only if SCA—of the 1973-74 Regular Session is approved by the voters.

Subject banks to vehicle fees and licenses, commencing January 1, 1974.

To take effect immediately, tax levy. June 28. Taxation—Watch

SB 1434—Dymally (Rev.&Tax.)—Establishes rate of interest on delinquent taxes under the Inheritance Tax Law at I percent per month rather than 6 percent per annum.

Includes unrealized capital gains and losses of decedents, with specified exceptions, in excess of \$60,000 in such decendent's income for purposes of personal income tax in the year of his death.

Provides that community property of a decedent shall retain same basis as it had in hands of the decedent, for purposes of determining capital gains pursuant to Personal Income Tax Law.

To take effect immediately, tax levy. June 28. Taxation-Watch

SB 1436—Deukmejian (B. & P.)—Provides that the delinquency, reinstatement, penalty, or late fee for any licensee within the Department of Consumer Affairs shall be 50 percent of the renewal fee of such license, but not more than \$25.

Provides that fee is due if license is not renewed within 15 days of the date the renewal fee first becomes due. June 29. Taxation—Watch

SB 1438—Marks (H. & W.)—Enacts the California Residential Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Authorizes the issuance and sale by cities, counties, municipal or public corporations, districts, and redevelopment agencies of revenue bonds and bond anticipation notes not secured by the taxing powers of such local agencies for the purpose of making loans for residential rehabilitation, as defined. Requires, prior to the issuance of any such bonds or notes, that such local agencies adopt comprehensive residential rehabilitation programs providing a procedure for the selection of areas in which residential rehabilitation loans are to be made and in which the local agency shall undertake a special program of enforcement of state or local housing standards. Specifies the type and nature of the bonds and notes authorized to be issued which are payable from specified revenues, including the repayment of principal, interest, and other charges in connection with residential rehabilitation loans.

Exempts such bonds from requirements of any other law applicable to the issuance of bonds. Provides that in the construction and acquisition of a project pursuant to the act, such a local governmental agency need not comply with requirements pertaining to the construction or acquisition of public works, except as specifically provided in the act.

To take effect immediately, urgency statute. June 29. Housing-Watch

SB 1441—Stiern (H.A.D.)—Provides that domestic corporations organized for profit shall furnish to a stockholder, at a price not to exceed the cost, a specified list of stockholders of record at the corporation's next preceding annual meeting.

Requires foreign corporations organized for profit and doing business in this state to annually deposit with the Secretary of State a specified list of stockholders of record for the corporation's next preceding annual meeting.

To take effect immediately, urgency statute. June 29.

Miscellaneous—Watch

SENATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

SCA 24, as amended June 25, Alquist (Rev. & Tax)—Limits maximum rate of sales and use taxes which may be imposed by state and local governments except transit districts to 5 percent and exempts food and prescription medicine from such taxes.

Increases minimum permissible amount of homeowners' property tax exemption from \$750 to \$1,750 of assessed value of the dwelling and requires the exemption to be increased to compensate for increased assessed valuation due to inflation as determined by the State Board of Equalization. Requires Legislature to provide comparable allowance for renters in the form of an income tax credit with a cash refund where the credit exceeds tax liability and provides that the homeowners' exemption shall be \$750 in any year when such comparable allowance is not provided.

Requires Legislature to provide property tax assistance for homeowners over 62 years of age at rates and income levels no lower than those in effect on January 1, 1973, and to include comparable assistance to elderly renters, and provides that no assistance be granted to elderly homeowners in any year when such comparable assistance is not granted to elderly renters.

SENATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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Requires Legislature to enact a tax on items of tax preference at rates comparable to those on other income and prohibits excluding more than \$5,000 of such preference income from the tax.

Requires Legislature to repeal all exclusions and exemptions from gross receipts for purposes of sales and use taxes and from income for purposes of income taxation on persons, fiduciaries, corporations, banks and financial institutions on or before June 30, 1978, and to adopt a schedule for such repeals prior to final adjournment of the 1974-75 Regular Session. Permits reenactment of such exclusions or exemptions but for not longer than five years.

Requires the state to reimburse units of local government for the cost of state-mandated services and programs mandated by legislative acts or executive regulations enacted after the effective date of this measure.

Requires the state to reimburse counties for the costs of categorical aid grants and services and administration thereof in excess of the statewide average property tax rate equivalent necessary to fund such costs in the 1972-73 fiscal year.

Prohibits the imposition of personal income tax, other than a tax on items of tax preference, on single individuals with adjusted gross income under \$5,000 or married couples or heads of households with adjusted gross income under \$10,000.

Eliminates requirement that taxes imposed on banks and corporations be passed by a vote of not less than two-thirds of all members elected to the Legislature.

Repeals provisions governing the taxation of insurance companies. Declares that existing statutory taxes are not repealed, but provides that no deduction be allowed from such taxes for real estate taxes paid on an insurer's home or principal office, unless so provided by the Legislature after the effective date of this measure.

Requires the Legislature to determine the net revenue effect of this enactment and to replace any revenue loss by any means not otherwise precluded by the State Constitution or laws of the United States.

April 24. **STATES****

Texation—Good

- SCA 35—Dymally (Rev. & Tax.)—Deletes sections providing special provisions with respect to the taxation of banks, corporations, and insurance companies. June 28.

 Taxation—Good
- SCA 36—Dymally (Rev. & Tax.)—Provides that Legislature may change rate of taxation of insurers and banks by majority, rather than two-thirds, vote. June 28.

 Taxation—Good
- SCA 37—Marks (Rev. & Tax.)—Provides that the Legislature may exempt improvements to residential property owned and improved by the same person up to the amount of \$3,000 of assessed value per year for a five-year period which is added by improvement, conservation, or maintenance of such property, but such exemption shall apply only as an offset against any increase in assessed valuation. Provides for reimbursement of local government for losses caused by reason of this exemption. June 29.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SCR 72—Gregorio (Rls.)—Requires all conference committee meetings dealing with the budget to be open to public. June 29.

State and Local Government-Good

ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

ACA 83, Joint Committee on the Master Plan for Higher Education, Assemblyman Vasconcellos (Chairman) (Ed.). Revises ex officio membership of Regents of the University of California, eliminating President of State Board of Agriculture and President of Mechanics Institute of San Francisco. Eliminates power of approval of Senate over the 16 appointive members appointed by Governor but requires each such appointment to be made from a list of 5 qualified nominees selected by the Higher Education Nominating Committee: prescribes membership of such committee and their qualifications.

Provides for student and faculty nonvoting members of regents, and their selection.

Reduces terms of oppointive members from 16 to 8 years. June 29.

Education—Watch

- ACA 84, Joint Committee on the Master Plan for Higher Education, Assemblyman Vasconcellos (Chairman) (Ed.). Requires central offices of Regents of the University of California to be located in Sacramento. June 29.

 Education—Watch
- ACA 85, Joint Committee on the Master Plan for Higher Education, Assemblyman Vasconcellos (Chairman) (Ed.). Requires Legislature to determine whether or not students in public postsecondary education shall be charged for instruction and instructional facilities and the amount of any such charges. June 29.

 Education—Watch
- ACA 86, Joint Committee on the Master Plan for Higher Education, Assemblyman Vasconcellos (Chairman) (Ed.). Creates in state government a Postsecondary Education Commission whose membership, powers, duties, and functions shall be determined by statute. June 29.

Education—Watch

ACA 87—Joint Committee on the Master Plan for Higher Education, Assemblyman Yasconcellos (Chairman) (Ed.)—Requires Legislature to
define and prescribe conflicts of interest of, and to prescribe required
disclosures of, the members of the public postsecondary education
governing boards. June 29.

Education—Watch

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ACR 111—Bee (Crim.J.)—Expresses intent of the Legislature that specified persons convicted of certain crimes be referred to work programs in lieu of the assessment of fines or other criminal penalties against such persons. June 28.

State and Local Government—Bad

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

AJR 66—Wakefield (Rls.)—Memorializes the Congress to enact legislation pending before it amending the "Buy American Act" of 1933. June 29.

Miscellaneous—Good

Meany Rips 'Corruption' Revealed by Watergate

(Continued from Page 1) dent Nixon knew about the Watergate break-in and the subsequent cover-up.

Answering a series of questions on Watergate at the televised news conference, Meany refused to comment on whether the President should resign, saying that was a decision for the President to make.

Meany said he would not advocate impeachment because it "would be an exercise in futility."

Terming Watergate a national shame and disgrace, the AFL-CIO president emphasized that the real threat was to democracy itself.

"If the government can break

the law," he said, "that is the end of democracy in this country. If they can break it and burglarize your home then they can commit any crime . . . When the government—or in other words the Administration in power — feels that in the interest of national security, as determined by one man . . . (it) can justify any crime committed by the government, I say that is the end of our system if that is allowed to prevail."

There is no right, either, Meany stressed, in the office of the President or any other office in government to "tape a conversation and keep a record of it with a private citizen without his knowledge becausethis

means that the government in power is saying 'We, because we are in power, in order to maintain our incumbency . . . we can break the law.'"

Meany's references were to testimony by former presidential assistant John Ehrlichman that in the interests of national security a break-in to the home of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist was justified. The taping reference was to testimony before the Senate committee that all conversations in President Nixon's White House offices and at Camp David, including phone conversations, were automatically taped since early 1971.

Meany told reporters that the Watergate hearings and other developments "will show the inherent strength of the whole American system. I think we are very fortunate... I think if it weren't for Watergate we wouldn't have known the situation which to me is a national shame, it is a disgrace. So, I think what the public needs to know is the whole truth about this thing and then I think we can do something about it."

Queried on some of the individual witnesses appearing befor the Senate committee, Meany said of Ehrlichman:

"I saw last week the mentality of American fascism right on the witness stand — I saw it every day Ehrlichman was on the stand."

Nixon Policies Blamed for Housing Crisis

(Continued from Page 1) operate urgently needed new public housing units.

- A return to the national housing goal of 2.6 million units a year as set out by Congress.
- An easing of the present tight-money situation and allocation of credit to aid homebuyers.

The council pointed out that the median cost of a new home rose to \$32,800 in April, 22 percent higher than a year ago, and that only 10 percent of new single family homes are selling for \$20,000 or less.

Housing starts, the statement noted, declined 15 percent since January and a further drop is forecast because of rising interest rates and tight money.

The council tied the situation to Administration actions in refusing to seek authority to build an adequate number of new public housing units or repair and modernize existing units. The Administration has proposed also to shift the burden for rising maintenance, repair and modernization costs to low-income tenants.

The council said that if the moratorium is permitted to continue through the present fiscal year "more than a half-million families will be denied the new public housing promised them by the national housing goals."

Labor Seeks Action on No-Fault Auto Insurance

The AFL-CIO is pushing on capitol hill for "speedy action" on federal no-fault auto insurance and has urged that the legislation be accompanied by a "full scale investigation of how auto insurance rates are set.

No-fault auto insurance alone "goes only half the distance toward total reform," a spokesman for the Labor Federation, which represents 13.6 million U.S. workers, said.

"The other half concerns ratemaking — a complex and confusing gray area known and understood only by those most closely associated with the auto insurance industry," according to Michael Gildea, assistant to legislative director Andrew J. Biemiller, who testified before the Senate Commerce Committee recently.

The no-fault auto insurance bill sponsored by Senators Philip A. Hart (D-Mich.) and Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.) "should have been enacted long ago," Gildea said.

Citing a 24-volume study completed in 1971 by the Department of Transportation which branded the existing insurance system "inefficient, overly costly, incomplete and slow," Gildea said that hearings conducted last year further documented the case for no-fault legislation.

"American consumers don't want any more words, and they don't need any more proof. They want action," Gildea declared. Car owners should be assured that the proposed mandatory nofault coverage will be made available to them at the lowest possible cost, he said.

As a first step, he proposed that the Hart-Magnuson bill include a directive to the Secretary of Transportation to secure from the Insurance Commissioners of each state all pertinent information regarding their ratesetting procedures and guidelines.

"This information could then become the basis for a full-scale investigation of auto insurance rate-making conducted by a study commission composed of insurers, consumers and regulators."

He suggested that such a commission should be required to submit its findings to Congress no later than two years after enactment of the federal nofault legislation.

By that time, he explained, some form of no-fault auto insurance would be in effect in every state.

The Hart-Magnuson bill spells out federal guidelines for state no-fault programs that would require an insurance company to reimburse its customers promptly for medical expenses and lost wages resulting from an auto collision injury without lengthy and costly court procedures to determine which driver was at fault.

Judge Bars Closure of U.S. Hospitals

The California Labor Federation's fight to bar the Nixon Administration's efforts to close Public Health Service Hospitals in San Francisco and elsewhere received a major boost from a federal district court judge in Washington, D.C. last week.

U.S. District Court Judge John H. Pratt signed a preliminary injunction August 3 forbidding closure of all eight of the nation's U.S. Public Health Service Hospitals, including the one in San Francisco, so long as Congress is considering action to override President Nixon's veto of a bill to keep the hospitals open.

The bill has already won Senate approval but it was not presented to the House before the mid-summer recess.

The AFL-CIO and the nation's maritime unions are opposing closure of the hospitals because they have traditionally served maritime workers and their dependents.

Last April, John F. Henning, the State AFL-CIO's executive officer, wired California's U. S. Senators Alan Cranston and John V. Tunney to urge their aid in barring the closures.

Both Cranston and Tunney acted promptly to amend legislation introduced by Senator Magnuson (D-Wash.) to keep the hospitals open.