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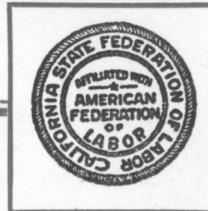
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STATE AFL POLITICAL LEAGUE
ENDORSES KNIGHT, POWERS, BROWN, YORTY

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Governor Goodwin J. Knight was endorsed by the California Labor League for Political Education in its pre-primary convention held April 12 in San Francisco.

The Republican incumbent was named after a roll call vote of the 400 delegates.

Also picked for major California offices were Harold J. Powers (R), incumbent Lieutenant Governor, Edmund G. Brown (D), incumbent Attorney General, and Samuel W. Yorty (D), candidate for U.S. Senate.

In other statewide posts the convention endorsed George E. Johnson (D), for Treasurer; George D. Collins, Jr. (D), for Controller; Frank M. Jordan (R), for Secretary of State; and Roy E. Simpson for Superintendent of Public Instruction. The latter position is non-partisan.

The convention findings upheld recommendations of the 15-member Advisory Group and the Executive Council of the CLLPE, which met in the Clift Hotel Sunday, April 11, to interview candidates for the various statewide offices to be contested in the primary election of June 8.

Following the interview period, the Advisory Group made its recommendations to the Executive Council. The Executive Council then met in separate session and made its recommendations which went directly to the convention floor. The two committees were in agreement on all endorsements.

The Executive Council met separately on Saturday, April 10, to consider local league recommendations for district offices. The following district endorsements were later made by the convention:

UNITED STATES CONGRESS

<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Endorsement</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Endorsement</u>
1.	Max Kortum (D)	16.	S. Mark Hogue (D)
2.	Clair Engle (D)	17.	Cecil R. King (D)
3.	John E. Moss (D)	18.	Joseph M. Kennick (D)
4.	Philip A. O'Rourke (D)	19.	Chet Holifield (D)
5.	John F. Shelley (D)	20.	Open
6.	Robert L. Condon (D)	21.	William E. Roskam (D)
7.	Stanley K. Crook (D)	22.	William M. Costley (D)
8.	George P. Miller (D)	23.	Clyde Doyle (D)
9.	Harold F. Taggart (D)	24.	George Arnold (D)
10.	Open	25.	John G. Sobieski (D)
11.	Carl Sugar (D)	26.	James Roosevelt (D)
12.	B. F. Sisk (D)	27.	Harry R. Sheppard (D)
13.	Edwin L. Carty (D)	28.	Harriet Enderle (D)
14.	Open	29.	Bruce Shangle (D)
15.	Frank P. O'Sullivan (D)	30.	Ross T. McIntire (D)

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STATE SENATE

<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Endorsement</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Endorsement</u>
2.	Randolph Collier (R)	22.	Hugh P. Donnelly (D)
4.	Open	24.	Open
6.	No Endorsement	26.	Stephen P. Teale (D)
8.	Open	28.	Charles Brown (D)
10.	Ed. C. Johnson (R)	30.	Hugh M. Burns (D)
12.	Charles E. Greenfield (D)	32.	Open
14.	Robert I. McCarthy (D)	34.	Jess R. Dorsey (R)
16.	Anga Bjornson (D)	36.	James E. Cunningham (R)
18.	Open	38.	Richard Richards (D)
20.	Alan B. Short (D)	40.	Open

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STATE ASSEMBLY

<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Endorsement</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Endorsement</u>
1.	Open	29.	Open
2.	Pauline L. Davis (D)	30.	Ralph M. Brown (D)
3.	Lloyd W. Lowrey (D)	31.	Open
4.	Open	32.	Wallace D. Henderson (D)
5.	Samuel R. Geddes (D)	33.	Open
6.	Open	34.	Fred Farr (D)
7.	Richard H. McCollister (R)	35.	Open
8.	Gordon A. Fleury (R)	36.	Zenon Talbot (D)
9.	Roy J. Nielsen (R)	37.	Rex M. Cunningham (D)
10.	Donald D. Doyle (R)	38.	Dorothy M. Donahoe (D)
11.	S. C. Masterson (D)	39.	Open
12.	John J. McFall (D)	40.	Edward E. Elliott (D)
13.	Carlos Bee (D)	41.	Allen Miller (D)
14.	Randal F. Dickey (R)	42.	Jess Nathan (D)
15.	Open	43.	John F. Gayer (D)
16.	Sam W. Blanford (D)	44.	Coy Sanders (D)
17.	William B. Rumford (D)	45.	Thomas J. Doyle (D)
18.	Winton McKibben (D)	46.	Allan K. Jonas (D)
19.	Milton Marks (R)	47.	Open
20.	Thomas A. Maloney (R)	48.	Peter M. Hazell (D)
21.	No Endorsement	49.	Open
22.	John A. Busterud (R)	50.	Open
23.	William C. Berry (D)	51.	William A. Munnell (D)
24.	Edward M. Gaffney (D)	52.	Frank G. Bonelli (D)
25.	Theodore H. Pretzer (D)	53.	Frank J. Thompson (D)
26.	Frank Groves (D)	54.	Prudence Thrift (D)
27.	Glenn E. Coolidge (R)	55.	Vernon Kilpatrick (D)
28.	Open	56.	Philip J. Schlessinger (D)

STATE ASSEMBLY (Cont'd)

<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Endorsement</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Endorsement</u>
57.	Charles J. Conrad (R)	69.	Carley V. Porter (D)
58.	Open	70.	Ven O. Fahrney (D)
59.	Open	71.	Open
60.	Open	72.	Open
61.	Open	73.	Open
62.	Augustus F. Hawkins (D)	74.	Oland W. Carrick (D)
63.	Open	75.	Harry R. Fox (D)
64.	Paul Roest (D)	76.	Open
65.	John W. Evans (R)	77.	Sheridan N. Hegland (D)
66.	Charles H. Wilson (D)	78.	Frank Luckel (R)
67.	Clayton A. Dills (D)	79.	Open
68.	Vincent Thomas (D)	80.	John E. Hunter (D)

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STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Endorsement</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Endorsement</u>
1.	George R. Reilly (D)	3.	Clinton T. Duffy (R)
2.	James H. Quinn (R)	4.	William G. Bonelli (D)

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POOL OF IDLE WORKERS
AIM OF BIG BUSINESS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--William F. Schnitzler, secretary-treasurer of the AFL, last week charged that Big Business and its representatives in the Eisenhower Administration want to maintain "a large and gradually increasing pool of idle workers, with all that this would imply for the future of labor in America: stagnation, division, weakness and defeat."

Schnitzler declared that "the leaders of commerce and industry,

and their agents in control of the government today" do not realize that their efforts to gain "normalcy on their terms" is "but the prelude to depression and disaster."

The AFL representative cited the national experience with Big Business efforts to create a pool of unemployment in the '20's.

"Normalcy under Harding, coolness under Coolidge, and hesitation under Hoover undermined the standards of labor and brought us to the brink of a great depression 25 years ago," said Schnitzler. "Inaction under Eisenhower can do the same today."

"Even if production and unemployment are stabilized at their present levels, the basic challenge and danger would remain," the AFL secretary-treasurer said. "We would still be exposed to the constant pressure of a large and gradually increasing pool of idle workers, with all that this would imply for the future of labor in America - stagnation, division, weakness and defeat.

"This is the goal toward which the bosses of business and government today are striving. That is what they mean by a 'readjustment' to 'normalcy.' A floating pool of hungry workers, competing for a handful of jobs, is right down the Big Business alley."

Schnitzler said that this kind of situation is definitely the business of organized labor.

"The trade union movement was founded, first and foremost," he said, "to defend and promote the job opportunities, job rights and job standards of the working people of America.

"We cannot rest supinely on the hope that somehow everything is going to turn out alright.

"We must call upon those who purport to represent the people in our states and nation to act, and we must marshal all of our strength and resources - both in the industrial and political field - to the defense of the bread and butter opportunities, rights and standards of our members."

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