

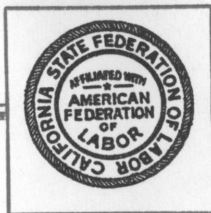
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TOP FEDERAL, STATE OFFICIALS
TO ADDRESS SANTA BARBARA CONVENTION

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Governor Goodwin Knight, Secretary of Labor James Mitchell, Attorney General "Pat" Brown, and AFL Secretary William F. Schnitzler will head up the list of national and state speakers at the 1954 state AFL convention in Santa Barbara, it was announced this week by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor.

Governor Knight and Secretary Mitchell are scheduled to address the opening session in the Santa Barbara Armory, Monday morning, August 23.

More than two thousand delegates are expected at the 52nd convention of the nation's second biggest state labor body.

Credentials were mailed last week to all affiliates from State Federation headquarters in San Francisco.

President Thomas L. Pitts will call the convention to order sharply at 10:00 a.m. August 23. The sessions will run through Friday, August 27.

Invocation at the Monday morning assembly will be delivered by J. Francis Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles.

Other speakers at the Monday session will include the Mayor of Santa Barbara and various city and county officials.

Attorney General Brown will address the delegates Tuesday morning.

Schnitzler will fly to Santa Barbara from Washington and return immediately for a meeting of the national AFL executive board in Chi-

cago.

The State Federation's Executive Council will meet Friday morning, August 20, in Santa Barbara for final review of policy statements on national and state issues.

Convention headquarters will be located in the Carrillo Hotel in downtown Santa Barbara. Registration of delegates will commence at 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning in the lobby of the Carrillo.

All convention sessions will be held in the Santa Barbara Armory.

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STATE BUILDING TRADES TO FIGHT OPEN SHOP MOVEMENT

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Pledges to fight open shoppers in the construction industry and promises of a boost in state disability insurance payments highlighted activities at the 37th convention of the California Building and Construction Trades Council last week in San Francisco.

President Otto Never and Secretary-Treasurer James F. Ward were returned to office without opposition at the close of the three-day convention held in the Bellevue Hotel.

The newly elected executive board pledged all-out action against open shop contractors in the San Joaquin Valley where the State Federation of Labor, State Building Trades Council and local unions and councils have been fighting to stem the anti-union drive of new home builders.

In an opening day speech to 300 delegates, William A. Burkett, director of the State Department of Employment, flatly promised that the Knight Administration would push for an increase in the maximum disability insurance benefits. The present weekly maximum of \$35 was enacted at the 1953 general session of the state legislature following a heavy campaign led by the State Federation of Labor.

Other convention speakers included Governor Goodwin Knight, Major General William F. Dean, Edward P. Park, State Labor Commissioner, John F. Henning, California State Federation of Labor. John Hogg, president of the San Francisco Building Trades Council, was chairman of the host committee.

HUGO ERNST DIES AT 78

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The **AFL** world was shocked last Thursday by the sudden death in Cincinnati of Hugo Ernst, 78-year-old president of the Hotel and Restaurant **Employees and Bartenders International** Union.

A prominent figure in the **California** labor movement, Brother Ernst left San Francisco in 1939 to become general secretary and treasurer of the **Culinary International**. In 1945 he became president of the organization.

Ernst was a charter member of **Local 30** of the **AFL Waiters Union**, San Francisco.

A native of Croatia, where he was born in 1875, the second of six sons of the village rabbi, Ernst settled in San Francisco at the turn of the century.

The Executive Board of the **Culinary International** this Monday announced that Edward S. Miller, secretary-treasurer, had been elevated to the presidency to succeed Ernst.

Miller's position was taken by Jack Weinberger, a member of San Francisco Waiters Union, **Local 30**.

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DEATH TAKES HARRY SHERMAN

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Funeral services were held in Sacramento last week for Harry Sherman, 65, business representative for Laborers **Local Union No. 185** for the past 25 years.

He died of a heart attack in Mercy Hospital which he had entered for observation and possible surgery.

Brother Sherman was born in Brooklyn, New York, and as a young man worked in the coal and copper mines in a number of states before coming to California approximately 30 years ago.

He was first elected to office in the Laborers Union in 1927. In 1928 he was elected president of the Laborers Union, and in 1929 he

became business agent of the organization.

For the past 10 years Sherman had acted as one of the conciliators for the International Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers Union of America, AFL. He had also served continuously as a member of the Board of Publishers of the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin for more than 20 years.

He was also president of the Northern California District Council of Laborers and a member of the executive board of the Sacramento-Yolo Building Trades Council at the time of his death.

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STRIKEBREAKERS PACK GUNS IN MARIN COUNTY STRIKE

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The seven-week strike of Leather and Novelty Workers Local 31 against H. Koch & Sons luggage and plastics plant at Corte Madera was marked last week by strong protest by both labor councils against carrying of guns by strikebreakers.

Both Building and Trades and Central Labor Councils responded strongly to a letter from Koch (reportedly delivered by the local chief of police) saying that carrying of weapons was needed for protection.

They asked Koch to use "20th century arbitration, not 18th century 'gun law'" and warned that if violence does occur the blame will rest "squarely on your shoulders."

Joe Roberts, labor liaison man with the State Safety Division, made an inspection of the plant last week to determine if serious hazards exist, caused by school children strikebreakers operating machines.

The strikebreakers represent a mixed labor force, comprised of adults and high school children of the area.

Only issue in the strike is a wage increase from the present \$1.20 to \$1.69 an hour. Some 143 workers are affected by the strike which began June 7.

The Koch firm is currently working on some two million dollars worth of government contracts.

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AFL REPRESENTATIVE TOURS CENTRAL AMERICA

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Serafino Romualdi, American Federation of Labor representative for Latin America, is at present on a tour of Central America which includes Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua.

The visit to Guatemala was made at the special invitation of the leaders of the National Union of Free Workers who, after several months of exile, returned to their country early last month, after the downfall of the Arbenz regime.

In Honduras, Romualdi plans to establish contact with the trade union leaders who led the recent strike in the banana fields of the United Fruit Company with the view of helping them to establish a permanent organization.

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SCHOTTLAND NAMED U. S. SECURITY HEAD

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Charles I. Schottland, director of the California Department of Social Welfare, was last week nominated by President Eisenhower as Federal Social Security Commissioner.

Schottland, 47-year-old Los Angeles Republican, was once assistant chief of the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor.

After World War II, he took part in the repatriation program for slave laborers in Germany. He also has been associated with the Jewish Child Care Association.

John W. Tramburg, on leave of absence as Wisconsin's Director of Public Welfare, has been filling the post since the resignation of Arthur Altmeyer, a veteran with the Social Security Commission.

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