

AFL-CIO Executive Council Acts to Fully Back UFW

The national AFL-CIO Executive Council, meeting at Chicago last week, adopted a policy instructing the AFL-CIO organizing department to go "all out" in assisting the United Farm Workers' Union in its efforts to win representational elections among agricultural workers in California under the state's new Agricultural Labor Relations Act, which becomes effective August 28.

The UFW, behind the leadership of President Cesar Chavez,

is in a crucial struggle with the Teamsters' International to be chosen as collective bargaining agents for workers in the state's multi-billion dollar agribusiness.

The Executive Council statement said that the new law means "no longer will the growers be able to determine the workers' fate just by delivering them into the hands of an organization which offers the growers, not the workers, the best deal."

"Further," said the Council's resolution, "we urge all of our affiliated unions as well as the California Labor Federation and the local central bodies in California to render whatever assistance they can to the UFW as it embarks on this most important period in its history."

SALINAS RALLY

An aide to AFL-CIO President George Meany told the press in Chicago, "We're going to toss everything we've got into it."

At a rally in Salinas last weekend, between 4,000 and 5,000 people turned out in support of the UFW drive. Chavez was joined on the platform by Jack Henning, executive officer of the State AFL-CIO, who pledged the full support of the California Labor Federation to the United Farm Workers in their quest for votes in the coming elections.

Chavez is on a walking pilgrimage among the wide-flung California farming areas, seek-

ing support for the UFW among field workers.

CONVENTION

He will interrupt his trek in Fresno from August 15 to August 17 when the UFW holds a convention at the Fresno Convention Center.

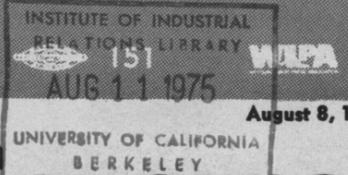
Dolores Huerta, vice president of the UFW, said Chavez will walk a total of over 1,400 miles in his crusade for support of the union he heads.

The first half of the march (Continued on Page 4)



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Tips Bill Passes, Is Sent to Governor

Consumers, Clerks Join to Defend Unit Pricing

The Assembly Committee on Finance, Insurance and Commerce will have on its file for Monday, August 11, hearing on SB 261 (Roberti, D-L.A.) which would require grocery and market retailers to clearly mark each unit with the price, rather than relying on the new automated computer checkout system.

LABOR SUPPORT

SB 261 is strongly supported by the California AFL-CIO, along with other labor and consumer groups.

Under the computer system, a laser beam scan will pick up a cryptic code on the package or can and ring up the price.

In a recent AFL-CIO radio interview Walter L. Davis, special assistant to the president, Retail Clerks International, and Carol Tucker Foreman, executive director, Consumer Federation of America, cited strong objections to the automated checkout.

"The overwhelming objection we have," Foreman emphasized, "is to removal of prices from individual items. Price markings are absolutely essential."

NO REPLY

While industry spokesmen say the computer system will result in savings, Foreman noted that, "We have asked the industry: 'Will you pass those savings on to the consumer?' The answer has never been a positive 'Yes.'"

Editorial

The Board

Governor Brown is to be commended for his appointments to the newly established Agricultural Labor Board. It has as much balance as any five member body could have in such a disputed area of labor relations.

We say this despite the fact that none of the five appointees was proposed or recommended by the state AFL-CIO movement. The important thing is that we believe in the integrity and intelligence of the five. All of them possess records of public or community activity. They were appointed to administer a law based upon recognition of the right of workers to join unions of their choice. We are confident they will neither frustrate nor deny that right.

The state AFL-CIO made a major contribution to the enactment of the new farm labor law. We had called for a secret ballot statute through the years when both growers and government opposed the idea. The present state legislature and present Governor brought the law into being. Like them, we have a stake in the success of the law, Board and all.

Homework Prohibition Gets 'Do Pass'

Late Thursday, the Senate Finance Committee gave a "do pass" recommendation to AB 353 (Montoya, D-L.A.), the bill which would prohibit industrial homework in the state's garment industry. The committee vote was 8-2.

Finance Committee members supporting AB 353 were Democrats Beilenson, Alquist, Holmdahl, Roberti and Stiern; Republicans Grunsky, Behr and Cusanovich.

The two "No" votes were by Republicans Carpenter and Way.

California Unemployment Rate Again Tops 10 Percent

Reportable unemployment in California hit a rate of 10.1 percent in July. This is the second highest monthly mark in a quarter-century of record keepings, state officials declare. Highest was May's 10.6.

The U. S. Labor Department reported on August 1 that the national July jobless rate was 8.4 percent, down from June's 8.6 percent. This also compares to 5.3 percent for July, 1974.

Dr. Julius Shiskin, commissioner of the federal labor statistics bureau, added a note of caution when the miniscule

drop in unemployment from June to July was revealed.

LONG TERM

"The July figures look good," he said, "but before I make a big deal out of it, I want to wait a few months and see some more figures."

While the comprehensive rate dipped slightly in July, long-term unemployment continued to increase during that month. The number of persons without jobs 15 weeks or longer now constitute 3.2 percent of the U.S. labor force, triple the rate a year earlier.

In California, there were 37, (Continued on Page 3)

Solons Advance Key Labor Bills

An historic legislative victory for labor came on Thursday afternoon when the State Senate adopted a measure which will outlaw the retention by employers of any part of tips which were left by patrons for workers for services rendered.

The bill now goes to Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. for signature into statute.

The roll call on AB 232 by Assemblyman Leroy Greene (D-Carmichael) was 22-12.

The roll call was:

"Yes" Democrats: Ayala, Beilenson, Collier, Dills, Dunlap, Garcia, B. Greene, Gregorio, Kennick, Mills, Moscone, Petris, Presley, Rains, Roberti, Rodda, Smith, Stiern, Zenovich. Republicans: Behr, Marks, Nejedly, (22)

"No" Democrats: Holden, Wedworth. Republicans: Carpenter, Cusanovich, Deukemejian, Grunsky.

Richardson, Russell, Schrader, Stevens, Stull, Way. (12)

The first week following the resumption of the legislative session at Sacramento on Monday, following a summer recess, has brought significant progress on several bills supported by the California AFL-CIO.

Committee action on labor-backed legislation began early on the opening day and continued through the week.

The Assembly Labor Relations Committee on Monday by a seven to one vote recommended a "do pass" for SB 719, the Federation's anti-strikebreaker bill authored by

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Meany Labor Day Tape Available

AFL-CIO President George Meany will record a 1975 Labor Day message to be available for radio stations throughout the nation. Copies may be secured from:

Albert J. Zack, Director
Dept. of Public Relations
AFL-CIO
815 - 16th St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006.

According to Zack, the 15-minute tapes may be placed through the local central labor councils or, if they request it, directly with the radio station which will broadcast it as a "free public service."

Call is Issued for AFL-CIO Convention to Meet at San Francisco

The AFL-CIO last Friday issued the official call to its Eleventh Constitutional Convention which will open October 2 in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco.

In issuing the call, AFL-CIO President George Meany and Secretary-Treasurer Lane Kirkland noted that the convention "will meet at a time of acute economic recession brought on largely by misguided governmental policies and perpetuated by the lack of effective leadership in the Congress and in the White House . . . Around the world, democracy and hu-

man liberty are in danger or in retreat.

FORTHRIGHT

"The Convention of the AFL-CIO must deal forthrightly with these and other problems confronting the nation, in the best interests of working people and of all Americans."

The federation's last biennial convention was held in October 1973 in Bal Harbour, Florida.

The full text of the convention call follows:

"You are hereby notified that, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the American Federation of Labor and

Congress of Industrial Organizations, the Eleventh Constitutional Convention of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations will be convened in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, California, at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, October 2, 1975, and will remain in session from day to day until the business of the Convention shall have been completed.

ELEVENTH

"This Eleventh Constitutional Convention of the AFL-CIO will meet at a time of acute

economic recession, brought on largely by misguided governmental policies and perpetuated by the lack of effective leadership in the Congress and in the White House.

"Unemployment remains at an intolerably high level. Production and construction continue stagnant, under the weight of exorbitant interest rates. The energy crisis, brought on by America's growing dependence on foreign sources, cartel pricing and the threat of blackmail, continues unabated. The President vetoes legislative measures designed

to put America back to work and the Congress is unable to assert the leadership America needs to restore economic vitality and social progress.

IN DANGER

"Around the world, democracy and human liberty are in danger or in retreat. The free world is dwindling and its members are neutralized by fear or by delusions of detente.

"This Convention of the AFL-CIO must deal forthrightly with these and other problems confronting the nation, in the best interests of working people and of all Americans."

Can Executive Sees Illegals As Key to Jobs

An American industrialist has added his voice to those from labor and government who believe that a careful screening of illegal aliens employed in the U.S. would produce jobs to materially reduce unemployment in the nation.

Frank W. Considine, chief executive of National Can Corporation, points out, "I'm simply suggesting a screening, not urging a purge."

He maintains a continuing screening of National Can's 14,000 employees. A couple of years ago, the company found 25 illegal aliens on its force of 350 in Long Beach. The latest screening, Considine pointed out, turned up none in that plant.

The Immigration Service estimates an influx of about 2.5 million illegal aliens entering the country annually.

"If you do screen and then don't hire these people," he said, "it puts teeth in our laws and helps our immigration people."

It is estimated that there are about 245,000 such people in California and that they accounted for \$100 million in welfare payments in 1973, he declares.

Rural Manpower

The Rural Manpower Service of the U. S. Department of Labor develops procedures to provide a placement service for employers and workers in rural areas.

Housing Industry Counters Administration Optimism

Optimism about the immediate future of housing construction in the United States by officials of the Ford Administration is not supported by the facts as interpreted by experts in the building and lending industries.

HUD Secretary Carla Hills recently told a Congressional Joint Economic Committee that "all sectors seem to be rebounding" in spite of a decline in new housing starts in June.

Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisors, told the same committee that the administration expects "a significant increase in current levels" in home building this year.

NO EVIDENCE

Commenting on these views, Grover Ensley, executive vice president of the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks whose main business is home mortgages, said:

"The administration would like to feel we are turning up. I haven't seen any evidence of it."

The association's chief economist, George Hanc, agreed: "Rebound? Certainly not to the level we used to think was needed. It is one thing to reach bottom; another to say we're headed upward."

The June annual rate was a bare 1.07 million starts, about half the rate achieved during the peak months from 1971 to 1973. The NAMS estimates starts might reach 1.3 million by January, 1976.

NO EXUBERANCE

"We're still at a pretty modest level, well short of anything you'd call exuberant or buoyant," Hanc declared.

A spokesman for the U.S. League of Savings Associations, whose members are the chief home mortgage lenders, com-

Union Label Offers Free Travel Guide

Taking a trip? Going on vacation?

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The booklet comes at a time when the wave of interest in things American starts reaching full tide as the 200th Anniversary of the founding of our country approaches.

For your free copy write: Union Label Department, ILGWU—LP5, 22 West 38th Street, New York, New York 10018.

Carpenters' Fund Makes Home Loans

The Carpenters District Council Pension Fund, AFL-CIO, trustees in St. Louis, Mo., have available an added \$1.5 million for new home loans in the council's 22-county jurisdiction. This brings to \$9.3 million that the trustees have provided for new home loans in that section of Missouri.

mented, "We don't see anything in the housing picture that can be termed bright and rosy."

There appears to be plenty of money to lend on housing, it was said, but most of it is going to purchase existing homes rather than to finance new construction.

"We have a feeling people are not ready to go into housing because costs are so high," the league spokesman said.

The National Home Builders Association points out that the typical one-family home rose from \$24,300 to \$37,300 in the past four years.

NO REASON

Robert Sheehan, director of economic research for the National Home Builders, commented, "We don't believe starts will get back to 1.5 million by the end of the year. There's no reason to believe they will."

"For us to get back even to 1.4 million starts we'd have to have an extraordinarily strong rebound—maybe a doubling—of the multi-family rate."

To be rated as an objective "rebound," NAHB feels a level of 1.8 to 2 million would have to be within sight.

Looking at Hills' optimism, Ensley discounted it. "You'd expect any administration to do that, but it's a little early for an objective person to conclude we're in an up cycle."

NAHB says, "There are no signs of any vigorous economic recovery despite statements to the contrary from high economic sources."

PUBLIC MISLED

It added, "The American people and the media now are being misled by statements from administration sources as to the housing situation and lulled into false complacency by unwarranted public expressions of op-

MD TV Show 20-Hour Run On Labor Day

The 10th annual Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon will be aired over a record-breaking 193 television stations on August 31-September 1. The program is a major source of funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and is supported by AFL-CIO affiliates.

During the 1974 broadcast, around 75 million Americans viewed the telethon.

This year, the 20-hour broadcast will originate from the Del Webb Sahara Hotel, Las Vegas. Lewis will be assisted by his anchor man, Ed McMahon. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. August 31 over a nation-wide hookup of television stations and will continue through Labor Day.

Funds will go to maintaining MD clinics, summer camps for dystrophic children and adults, and research grants to such institutions as universities and the Salk Institute.

State Workers' Compensation Claims, Awards Reach Record High Level

Claims for benefits filed with the State Workers' Compensation Appeals Board in the second quarter of 1975 increased 6.1 percent above claims filed in the second quarter of 1974.

The rise in new claims, reported by Roy J. Bell, administrative director, State Division of Industrial Accidents, continues the general upward trend since World War II.

Cases filed before the WCAB

Stan Jensen Testimonial Set Oct. 25

Honoring 35 years of membership in the IAM, 20 years as business representative and directing business representative of Lodge 68—now District 115—Lodge 68, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, will fete Stanley Jensen at a dinner in San Francisco Saturday, October 25.

Jensen is a vice president and member of the Executive Council, California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO.

The dinner will be at Bimbo's 385 Restaurant on Columbus Avenue in San Francisco. Tickets at \$15 each are available by writing to Robert W. Barnes, Lodge 68 president and dinner chairman, at 3151 Mission Street, San Francisco 94110, or by telephoning (415) 282-8884.

Nevada Data

Nevada's June unemployment rate was 9.7%.

involve only disputed claims for benefits to be paid by employers under the State workers' compensation law.

New filings of 22,542 cases in April-June this year compare with 22,170 cases filed in the first quarter of 1975, and with 21,248 cases filed a year earlier in the April-June quarter of 1974.

Awards to injured workers determined by WCAB judges

1975, topping the previous record set in June, 1973, association analysts point out that most of the loans were for previously occupied houses, with new home sales remaining low.

In addition, mortgage interest rates appeared on the rise again, according to government statistics. Average mortgage rates, which fell below the nine percent level earlier this year, rose above that mark again.

California AFL-CIO's 'We Don't Patronize' List

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 and only after approval by the Executive Council.

All trade unionists and friends of organized labor are urged not to patronize 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:

Broadway Theatre, 4th and Broadway, Santa Ana.
Gaffers & Sattler products
Hertzka and Knowles, San Francisco architects.

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 Sequel; and,
Twin I & II in Aptos.

Montgomery Ward in Redding.
Newporter Inn, Newport Beach
Norm's Restaurant at the following locations in the Los Angeles area:

1270 South Crenshaw, Los Angeles;

2500 East Slauson Ave., Huntington Park;
2890 South La Cienega Blvd., Culver City;
8500 South Figueroa St., Los Angeles;

4700 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles;
270 North La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles;

6353 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles;
13636 Sherman Way, Van Nuys.

Other Norm's Restaurants in Los Angeles County excluding the eight listed above, are in good standing with organized labor.

Pemko Mfg. Co., Emeryville, Calif.

R & G Sloane Mfg. Co., 7606 Clybourne Ave., Sun Valley, Calif.

San Rafael Independent-Journal.

Sea World, San Diego
The following San Diego area motels:

Bahia Motel and Motor Lodge,
Catamaran Motor Hotel and Restaurant.

The following: Queen Mary—Specialty Restaurants in Long Beach:

The Lord Nelson Room
The Lady Hamilton
Sir Winston Churchill's
The Verandah Grill
All banquets and fast food stands.

The following restaurants on Union Street in San Francisco:

Thomas Lords
Mother Lode
Cooperage

Long Hoe Has Proven Boon In the Field

When the courts and the State Department of Industrial Relations acted to ban the short-handled hoe as an unsafe farm tool, effective April 7, after years of litigation and dispute, there were dire predictions from employers of agricultural labor that crop losses up to 50 percent could result.

These forecasts have not borne up, according to the DIR.

Since the ban has been in effect, crop production has increased for at least one major lettuce grower.

Field workers apparently adjusted quickly to the less awkward, safer, long hoe; are able to work longer and with more stamina, resulting in "five to ten percent greater productivity."

Don Vial, DIR director, said when the short hoe was ordered outlawed, "The decision, though a long time in coming, reflects a growing concern for the health and safety of all workers in agriculture as well as industry."

The order banning the short handled hoe came after a State Supreme Court decision finding it to be a serious health hazard to farm workers.

The legal case against use of the short handled hoe long was pursued by the United Farm Workers Union, actively supported by the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO.

Free Mail

U. S. post offices handled about 18 million pieces of "Free for the Blind" mail in fiscal 1974.

In April-June of this year totaled \$72,018,398, compared with awards of \$69,450,009 made in the previous quarter to workers as compensation for job-related injuries or illnesses. In the last two quarters of 1974, WCAB judges awarded \$58,164,194 in July-September and \$61,073,938 in October-December. Total awards of \$260,706,539 in 1974-75 was estimated to be the highest on record.

Coffee Cantata
Vintners
Hudson Bay West
Perry's
Victoria Station
The Dell
The Godfather
Mingai-Ya
Jim's Grill

Restaurants in Ghirardelli Square, San Francisco:

Magic Pan
The Mandarin
Ghirardelli Wine & Cellar Cafe
Other eating places in San Francisco:

McDonald's Hamburger (all);
Colonel Sanders Kentucky Fried Chicken (all);
H. Salt Esquire Fish & Chips (all);

Jack In The Box (all);
Benihana of Tokyo;
Head Hunter Amusement Park of San Francisco;

Kau Kau Gardens;
Carol Doda's;
Mabuhay Restaurant; and
The Casbah.

Tennessee Plastics of Johnson City, Tennessee.

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

In addition the Federation is supporting such national AFL-CIO sponsored 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.

AFL-CIO Hits Education Veto; Presses Override

Congress easily overrode President Ford's veto of a health services bill and the AFL-CIO Executive Council urged that his "ill-conceived" veto of an education appropriation bill also be overridden.

Ford complained that the two labor-supported measures exceeded his budget and would continue programs he wants dropped.

The health services bill was the first that the heavily Democratic 94th Congress has been able to pass over Ford's veto. The 67-15 vote in the Senate and the 384-43 vote in the House were far greater than the two-thirds majority needed to override a veto.

A much closer battle is expected over the education appropriations bill, which provides \$7.9 billion for federal aid programs during the 1976 and 1977 fiscal years. That's about \$1.3 billion more than Ford wanted to spend during the two years. It includes funds for elementary and secondary education, vocational education and an assortment of other programs including education of the handicapped and library services.

Ford said the cost was "too much" for Americans to bear.

"We wholeheartedly disagree," the AFL-CIO Executive Council said in Chicago.

"Unless this veto is overridden, local taxpayers will have to bear the increased burden of maintaining the standards needed for a decent education for their children," the council said. "And parents will have to dig deeper into their savings to subsidize the increased costs of higher education."

The statement noted that high tuition has already forced many students to abandon college plans.

The override vote is scheduled in the House of Representatives on Sept. 9.

On health services, the overriding of the veto doesn't mean that the \$2 billion authorized over a two-year period will necessarily be spent. The money will still have to be appropriated in separate legislation. It can be less than the amount authorized, but not more.

All of the provisions in the health services bill were originally in two separate bills that the 93rd Congress passed last December. Ford killed them with pocket vetoes after that Congress had adjourned and couldn't vote on an override.

The new bill was, in the words of one sponsor, "cut to the bone" in a futile effort to avoid a veto. When the veto

nevertheless came, a majority of Republicans joined with nearly all Democrats in voting to override.

"Any Questions?"



The health services bill authorizes \$1.4 billion in grants to states over two years for such programs as public health services, community mental health centers, family planning and migrant health centers and medical services for inner city and rural areas.

It includes a \$553 million authorization for nurses training, mostly in grants to nursing schools that expand enrollment or carry on needed special programs.

Ford's veto of the education funds was described by the American Federation of Teachers as punishing children "in the name of fighting inflation."

Ford's budget request, the AFT noted, was nearly \$800 million less than Congress had appropriated for comparable programs the previous year.

On the health services bill, once it became clear that the veto would be overridden, the White House made no effort to twist arms to hold Republican votes. But the education override attempt is expected to be close, with Ford terming it in his veto message a test of whether "we are going to spend ourselves into fiscal insolvency."

High Jobless Rate Prolongs Recession, Hickel Holds

"You never say a recession is over when you have high unemployment."

This was the theme of an address by a former Republican cabinet member in an address before the 17th annual Pacific Coast Builders Conference at San Francisco in late June.

Walter Hickel, former Secretary of the Interior, declared, "If there ever was anything further from the truth it's that you can stop inflation by cutting back production. The exact opposite is true; inflation is caused when you have a scarcity. The only way to stop inflation is by increasing production."

The Alaskan businessman who resigned from the Nixon cabinet early in the administration over a conflict with the President, said that when production in housing falters it feeds the fires of inflation for prospective home buyers and renters.

Hickel also spoke to the inseparability of human beings and nature, saying, "you have to make man compatible with

nature by developing public policies that call for the highest and best use of land in the public interest."

On the issue of an economy of artificial scarcity to fight inflation, he said, "Don't tell me that the cost of electricity won't go down when there's too much electricity. Don't tell me that the cost of a house won't go down when there are more houses on the market than there are buyers."

In times of heavy production, prices may rise some, but in an economy of scarcity they go up dramatically. Inflation without production is "the worst kind of inflation," Hickel holds.

Stimulate production and "the competitive factors" of the economy can come into play, keeping the price of housing within the competitive market and providing "the finest kind of consumer protection," said Hickel.

"The manipulation of money does not increase the wealth of a nation," he concluded. "All wealth is based on production. Just as production must go up,

Digest of Bills Special Notes

AB 2353 (Z'berg), printed in the August 1 issue of the Digest of Bills, would have appeared in the June 13 issue to be in its proper numerical order.

AB 2419 (Dixon) and AB 2422 (Z'berg), both printed in the August 1 issue of the Digest, would have appeared in the July 11 issue to be in their proper numerical sequence.

AB 2436 (Robinson), printed in the August 1 issue, Digest of Bills, would have appeared in the July 18 issue to be in its proper sequence numerically.

AB 2131 (Z'berg), printed in the June 13 issue of the Digest of Bills, should have been carried in the Digest of May 30 to be in its proper numerical order.

the cost of money must come down. Nothing but wild inflation can result when you have 10 or 12 percent mortgages running 25 or 30 years."

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800 fewer job seekers in July than in June, but there also was a drop of 60,200 jobs.

"The net result was a slight rise in the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate from 9.9 to 10.1 percent," according to Bill Lawson, information officer of the State Employment Development Department.

Nationally, unemployment in the auto industry declined from

Technical Aid To Farm Workers' Housing Plan

A grant of \$2.1 million to provide technical assistance in the construction of housing for almost 20,000 migrant and seasonal farm workers has been announced by Secretary of Labor John T. Dunlop.

Rural Housing Alliance of Washington, D.C., the grant recipient, will continue the technical assistance programs begun in 1971.

The grant is expected to pave the way for the construction of rental housing for about 15,000 workers and will aid about 5,000 migrant families of 10 or more persons in the construction of individual homes.

The monies are not used for construction costs but for assistance to migrant and other farm worker groups in locating construction sponsors, arranging for financing of construction, and construction supervision.

A small revolving fund is used to finance installation of sewage lines and other utilities to qualify the selected land for loan status.

The funds are made available under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, Title III, which provides for special assistance to specific groups such as migrants and seasonal farm workers.

At present, the Alliance is funding projects in California to the extent of \$280,000 out of \$1.5 million granted last year. To date, \$7.2 million has been granted this program since its inception in 1971.

June's 17.9 percent to July's 10.1. Unemployment in the primary metals industries, however, increased from 10.9 to 15.1 percent in the same period.

CONSTRUCTION

Construction industry unemployment in June was 21 percent and in contract construction, employment was down over 700,000 from its February, 1974, peak, with over half this reduction coming in the first half of 1975, the Labor Department says.

Internationally, the nearly nine percent unemployment in the U.S. compares unfavorably with jobless figures in other industrialized nations. Canada records 7.3 percent, France 4.9, Great Britain 3.6 and Germany 3.2.

Low Voltage Orders Hearing Due Aug. 27-28

Public hearings and meetings of the State Occupational Safety & Health Standards Board will be held in Room 1138 of the State Building, 107 South Broadway, Los Angeles, August 27-28.

At issue will be proposed low voltage electrical safety orders. A copy of this change is available from the OSHSB office, Third Floor, 1006 Fourth Street, Sacramento 95814. Copies will also be available at the hearing.

Anyone interested may present statements orally or in writing, according to A. W. Turner, board chairman, but written comments should be submitted no later than 15 days prior to the hearing date.

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Lee, Ramos to be Honored At Guiding Eyes Dinner

William Sidell, general president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, and Robert A. Georgine, general president of the Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO, will act as co-chairmen for a dinner honoring Anthony Ramos, secretary, California State Council of Carpenters, and James S. Lee, president, Building & Construction Trades Council of California, on Thursday evening, September 25, in San Francisco.

All funds derived from the dinner will go to the completion of the Peter Fosco Wing at International Guiding Eyes, Inc., in Los Angeles, a school which provides without cost,

guide dogs to blind individuals.

John F. Henning, executive officer, California Labor Federation, is national chairman of the Labor Committee for IGE.

The dinner will be held at Hyatt Hotel Union Square in San Francisco at the end of the Building Trades Department, AFL-CIO, convention and prior to the national AFL-CIO convention in the bay city.

"International Guiding Eyes," Sidell points out, "was started by the International Association of Machinists and so far as I know is the only charity created by a labor union. It provides free guide dogs to anyone 16 years of age and over, regardless of race, creed or color, from all over the world."

Over 27 years, the IGE has provided more than 800 dog guides for sightless individuals, training both dog and human while providing free room and board for four weeks during training.

Presently, the school is processing applications from three blinded Israeli veterans and will shortly bring them to Los Angeles.

The co-chairmen asked for strong support of the dinner project, "not only to honor two humanitarians, but also to help a very worthwhile cause. There is such a demand for dogs that the completion of the Peter Fosco Wing will enable the school to double its output of Guiding Eye dogs."

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reached a climax at Salinas last weekend. It is there that the first elections under the new law are expected to come, Huerta said.

This week, Chavez was scheduled to walk from Sacramento to Galt. Thence, he planned to go to Woodland for a rally at the high school. The following day, he was to walk to Lodi for a rally in that San Joaquin County city, then on to Stockton for a rally there the following evening.

From there, he was scheduled to go to Manteca on foot and into Tracy by auto.

Today, August 8, the schedule calls for him to arrive in Modesto for a meeting there or in some nearby community this evening, Saturday and Sunday he will be in Turlock and Merced.

At Greenfield last weekend, Chavez said he contemplates

legal action against more than 30 Salinas Valley vegetable ranches over implementation of the new law.

"I am very concerned for the success of the new law," he said. "If the Teamsters and the growers continue their tactics, I don't see how there will be free elections after August 28."

He said details of the complaints will be filed with the newly-named State Agricultural Labor Relations Board.

Chavez met the press flanked by UFW attorneys and charged growers were refusing UFW organizers access to their labor camps and fields, while welcoming Teamsters' organizers. He also charged employers with firing workers or threatening to fire those favoring the UFW.

"The harrasing tactics have been serious enough to produce fear among the workers and to hinder the UFW organizing effort," he declared.

Immediate target of the organizers are 20,000 workers in the \$114 million lettuce crop of Salinas Valley, which produces 70 percent of the nation's lettuce.

SEE VICTORY

UFW organizers predict they will win all the elections. Teamsters' spokesmen have been quoted as acknowledging they will lose many of the contracts taken over earlier from the UFW but expect to retain a portion of them.

Les Hubbard, a spokesman for the Western Growers Association, speaking of the elections, said, "I think there's no doubt the UFW will pick up some." He added the Teamsters "may surprise some people" by doing better than expected.

Tom Merrill, a major lettuce grower in the area, was critical of the Teamsters handling of contracts.

"The Teamster administration has left quite a bit to be desired," Merrill stated. "They have had inexperienced people in here trying to service contracts."

"And basically, they had people who really hadn't studied the contract. They weren't very efficient."

Marshall Ganz, top field organizer for the UFW in Salinas, maintains, "The Teamsters never have established any strength with the workers. They don't have any strength except the strength the growers give them."

On another farm labor front this week, Chavez protested directly to Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., the hiring of Vietnamese refugees on a Moorpark egg ranch as strikebreakers.

Chavez charged workers favorable to the UFW were being discharged prior to August 28, effective date of the new law,

and replaced with refugees from Indo-China in "blatant violation of the new farm labor act."

"We find it intolerable that our government has brought political refugees halfway around the world to break a poor people's strike in California," Chavez wired Brown.

Brown has asked Director Don Vial of the State Department of Industrial Relations to investigate the charges.

DISPUTE

The UFW and Egg City have been involved in a dispute about the recent arrest of eight union organizers on trespassing charges.

The organizers had attempted to enter the ranch during lunch hour to talk with workers. However, management held the lunch hour to be part of the work day and that all union activity must be conducted off its property.

Key Labor Bills Advance

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Senator David Roberti (D-L.A.).

STRONG VOTE

Voting for SB 719 were Assemblymen Jack R. Fenton (D-Montebello), Alfred C. Siegler (D-Santa Rosa), Richard Alatorre (D-L.A.), Howard L. Berman (D-Sherman Oaks), John V. Briggs (R-Fullerton), Ken Meade (D-Oakland), and S. Floyd Mori (D-Hayward).

The lone "No" vote came from Republican Mike D. Antonovich, Glendale. Republican Walter Craven of Vista and Democrat Vincent Thomas of San Pedro were absent.

Also on Monday, the Senate Finance Committee recommended "do pass" on two Assembly bills with California Labor Federation support.

FARM WORKER U.I.

AB 118, a measure by Assemblyman Jack R. Fenton (D-

Montebello) to include farm workers under Unemployment Insurance Code coverage, was approved without dissent on an 8-0 tally.

Voting for the bill were Senators Anthony Beilenson (D-L.A.), Donald Grunsky (R-Watsonville), Peter Behr (R-San Rafael), Randolph Collier (D-Santa Rosa), Lou Cusanovich (R-Woodland Hills), Nicholas Petris (D-Oakland), David Roberti (D-L.A.), Albert S. Rodda (D-Sacramento), Walter Stiern (D-Bakersfield).

Five committee members were absent and not voting on this issue.

MAIL SIGN-UP

The same committee recommended, on a roll call of 7 to 5, the passage of a post card voter registration bill, AB 822, by Assemblyman Jim Keysor (D-San Fernando).

AB 822 will allow prospective

voters to register by mail up to 29 days before an election. The bill has AFL-CIO support.

Voting for AB 822 were Senators Beilenson, Behr, Collier, Petris, Rodda, and Senators Alfred Alquist (D-San Jose), and David Roberti (D-L.A.).

Voting against a favorable recommendation were Senators Grunsky, Cusanovich, Stiern, and Senators Dennis Carpenter (R-Newport Beach), and Howard Way (R-Exeter). Senator John Holmdahl (D-Oakland), was absent.

WAGE ISSUE

On Thursday morning, the Assembly Public Employees and Retirement Committee voted 7 to 2 to recommend passage of SB 394 (Marks, R-S.F.). This measure will require state universities and colleges, including University of California, to abide by prevailing wage statutes in setting compensation for building

Arnold Zander, AFSCME Founder, President, Dies in Wisconsin

Arnold Zander, a founder and for nearly three decades president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, died July 17 at his home in Green Bay, Wisconsin. He was 75 years old.

Zander was one of a handful of Wisconsin state employees who, in 1932, founded a small organization of state workers

trades workers.

The vote on SB 394 was:

For the bill: Peter Chacon (D-San Diego), Wadie Deddeh (D-Chula Vista), Jack Fenton (D-Montebello), Richard Hayden (R-Cupertino), Curtis Tucker (D-Inglewood), Carmen Perino (D-Stockton), Julian Dixon (D-L.A.).

Opposed: Mike D. Antonovich (R-Glendale), Walter Craven (R-Vista).

Absent: Ken Meade (D-Berkeley), Edwin Z'berg (D-Sacramento).

to fight for preservation of the state's civil service system against attempts by some political leaders to reinstate political patronage in state service.

The group was to evolve, by 1935, into a department of the American Federation of Government Employees, AFL, and became a separately chartered AFL union in 1936 — the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, today the nation's largest public employee union, with more than 700,000 members.

Zander was the first president of AFSCME, serving from 1936 until 1964. He was succeeded by Jerry Wurf at the 1964 convention, held in Denver.

Zander retired and returned to his home state, where he taught at the University of Wisconsin Green Bay campus until recently.

Survivors include his widow, Lola Zander, of Green Bay, and three children.

Early Senate Action Is Expected on 'Situs' Picketing Measure

The construction site picketing bill which was passed last week on a 230-178 vote in the U.S. House of Representatives and sent to the Senate is high on labor's national legislative agenda.

A companion bill is expected to be approved quickly by the Senate Labor Committee, making possible action in that house after the summer congressional recess which ends September 3.

A number of crippling amendments offered on the House floor were beaten back behind the leadership of Representatives Frank Thompson, Jr. (D-N.J.), the bill's chief sponsor, and James G. O'Hara (D-Mich.).

EQUAL RIGHT

The bill, HR 5900, gives building trades workers the same rights to legally and peacefully picket in a strike that are accorded other crafts at present.

The bill as sent out of the House provides that after a local union has given 10-day notice of intent to picket to the general contractor and other unions on a construction site a line could be established, provided approval of the international union to set up the picket line was obtained.

Picketing would have to meet the same standards of legality that apply to picketing elsewhere.

SENATE VERSION

The Senate version of the

"situs" picketing measure is co-sponsored by Senators Harrison A. Williams, Jr. (D-N.J.) and Jacob K. Javits (R-N.Y.), chairman and ranking minority member of the Senate Labor Committee respectively.

In testifying on behalf of the legislation, Andrew Biemiller, AFL-CIO legislative director, said giving construction workers the right to picket a multi-employer job site is "long past due" and has the full support of "every segment of the labor movement."

He noted that an employer spokesman had testified that the amount of construction done by non-union firms has doubled in the past 15 years.

HANDS TIED

"In large part," Biemiller suggested, "this has come about because the building trades have had both hands tied behind their backs" by the judicially-imposed prohibition on construction site picketing.

Also testifying recently before a congressional committee, Robert Georgine, president of the AFL-CIO building trades department, said the proposal will "eliminate the different treatment now accorded to picketing at a construction site and to picketing at a manufacturing site . . . We are merely seeking equal treatment under the law."

Georgine explained the legislation "would neither modify

nor weaken the prohibitions against secondary boycotts" and stressed that contractors on the same construction projects are not "neutral" or "innocent" third parties.

Biemiller also stressed in his testimony that the prime contractor and the subcontractors he hires to work on the same job site are not in any sense arms-length "neutrals" in a labor dispute.

STATE DELEGATION

In the California delegation, 26 Democrats and seven Republicans were recorded favoring HR 5900 when it passed. One Democrat and eight Republicans from this state voted against the bill, while one Representative was recorded as not voting.

Prior to the floor vote, Jack Henning, executive officer of the California Labor Federation, wrote to each member of the state's House delegation, urging their affirmative action on the bill.

He stressed that the measure "would eliminate a double standard of justice which now works to the detriment of workers in the Building and Construction Trades, crippling their legitimate right to picket peacefully."

California Representatives voting for the bill were:

DEMOCRATS: Anderson, Burke, J. Burton, P. Burton, Corman, Dellums, Edwards,

against the bill were:

DEMOCRAT: Krebs.
REPUBLICANS: Burgener, Clawson, Hinshaw, Moorhead, Pettis, Rousselot, Wiggins, Wilson.

Paired for were Bell (R), Danielson (D), McCloskey (R).
Not voting was Leggett (D).

