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LABOR'S REACTION TO THE ELECTION

By C. J. Haggerty, Secretary
California State Federation of Labor

That the support of labor is not a political liability was clearly established by the gratifying results of the election, which swept from office those who sponsored and supported special interest legislation.

Responsible for this achievement was the hard, conscientious work of our members in the various unions, and for their efforts too much thanks and appreciation cannot be given.

The results dictate that Labor's League for Political Education must stay in business. The campaign just finished was only a beginning in a career that promises to be very successful. Labor has shown that when it goes into politics it can do an excellent job, and that it will continue in politics not as a tail to any individual must be stressed.

No less significant was the cold-shoulder given to the extreme right and left fringes -- the Dixiecrats and the Wallaceites. Labor was not hoodwinked from its main concern of protecting the interests of the workers by any and all of the Pied-Pipers. With the elimination from the Democratic Party of the deadweight of the commie-sponsored Wallaceites, the basis for united action by all legitimate labor groups was laid. The election returns vindicated this repudiation.

Every candidate who was tinged with Wallaceite support went down to defeat. This proves that no artificially created movement,

no matter how demagogic it may be, can capture the interest and backing of labor, provided that labor has an issue to fight for.

Proposition No. 13, to reapportion the State Senate, was defeated. Lest the opponents of democratic rule interpret this as encouragement for an all-out attack on labor, it is pertinent to point out that a million and a quarter people voted for this measure. That the campaign in its behalf has enlightened hundreds of thousands of Californians on the inadequacy of our legislative branch of government. That one set-back in the fight for popular government is not and will not be considered as final.

The California State Federation of Labor is neither impatient nor easily discouraged. The national election as well as the state contests indicate anything but a victory for minority control of our government. Our Federation was the first to endorse the Truman-Barkley candidacy. We also list below the many other candidates who received our support and who were elected. With them, we are determined to continue our fight for progressive social legislation.

This is not the time for recriminations or petty vindictiveness. We of labor face another session of the state legislature where we shall try, as we have in the past, to convince the legislators to support measures which we consider of benefit to the people of California.

We are hopeful that our pleas, logical arguments and facts will not fall on deaf ears. We pray that the trend of American progressivism that has swept the nation will make the same impression on our representatives in Sacramento. We look forward to the next session of the legislature with the fervent hope that narrow factional politics will be replaced by a sincere desire on the part of all to thrash out our differences and to aim at constructive legislation.

To achieve our aim, we will join with all legitimate groups. Together with our old friends and our new ones, we thank the people of California for the interest and judgment expressed in the election.

*Truman
Barkley*

California Representatives in Congress,
elected June and November 1948,
and friendly to labor.

District 4	--	Franck Havenner, D.
District 5	--	Richard J. Welch, R.
District 6	--	George P. Miller, D.
District 9	--	Cecil F. White, D.
District 14	--	Helen Gahagan Douglas, D.
District 17	--	Cecil R. King, D.
District 18	--	Clyde Doyle, D.
District 19	--	Chet Holifield, D.
District 21	--	Harry R. Sheppard, D.
District 23	--	Clinton D. McKinnon, D.

California State Senators,
elected in June and November 1948,
and friendly to labor.

District 1	--	Harold J. Powers, R.
District 5	--	Edwin J. Reagan, D.
District 7	--	Harold T. (Bizz) Johnson, D.
District 13	--	Thomas F. Keating, D.
District 15	--	Luther E. Gibson, D.
District 17	--	George Miller, Jr., D.
District 29	--	Chris N. Jespersen, R.

Friends in the State Senate
carried over from 1946 elections:

District 2	--	Randolph Collier, R.
District 14	--	Gerald J. O'Gara, D.
District 22	--	Hugh P. Donnelly, D.

California Assemblymen
elected in June and November 1948,
and friendly to labor.

District 2	--	Lester T. Davis, D.
District 3	--	Lloyd W. Lowrey, D.
District 4	--	Arthur W. Coats, Jr., D.
District 5	--	Ernest C. Crowley, D.
District 6	--	Francis C. Lindsay, R.
District 8	--	Gordon A. Fleury, R.
District 9	--	John E. Moss, Jr., D.
District 10	--	Robert L. Condon, D.
District 13	--	Francis Dunn, Jr., D.
District 17	--	William B. Rumford, D.
District 19	--	Bernard R. Brady, D.
District 20	--	Thomas A. Maloney, R.
District 22	--	George D. Collins, Jr., D.
District 23	--	William C. Berry, D.
District 24	--	Charles W. Meyers, D.
District 25	--	Robert I. McCarthy, D.
District 26	--	Edward M. Gaffney, D.
District 30	--	Ralph M. Brown, D.
District 34	--	James G. Crichton, D.
District 35	--	S. L. Heisinger, D.
District 36	--	Harlan Hagen, D.
District 38	--	John B. Cooke, D.

District 39 -- Joe C. Lewis, D.
District 40 -- William H. Rosenthal, D.
District 41 -- Julian Beck, D.
District 42 -- Everett G. Burkhalter, D.
District 44 -- Edward E. Elliott, D.
District 45 -- Thomas J. Doyle, D.
District 46 -- Glenn M. Anderson, D.
District 51 -- Elwyn S. Bennett, D.
District 52 -- Jonathan J. Hollibaugh, R.
District 55 -- Vernon Kilpatrick, D.
District 61 -- Lester A. McMillan, D.
District 62 -- Augustus F. Hawkins, D.
District 64 -- John C. Lyons, R.
District 65 -- John W. Evans, D.
District 67 -- Clayton A. Dills, D.
District 68 -- Vincent Thomas, D.
District 69 -- Ralph C. Dills, D.
District 71 -- Carl Fletcher, D.
District 79 -- Kathryn T. Niehouse, R.

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LABOR SUPPORT FOR AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, INC.,
URGED BY PRESIDENT GREEN

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--President William Green, in a letter addressed to State Federations of Labor and Central Labor Bodies, urged that the fullest cooperation and support be given to the American Cancer Society, Inc., in its fight to overcome the dread disease of cancer.

The California office representing this organization is located at 467 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco, California, where information regarding its activities, as well as its campaign to overcome cancer, can be obtained.

All unions are urged to cooperate to the fullest extent possible in this constructive work.

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