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LEGISLATIVE MILL STARTS GRINDING

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--During the legislature's first week of work since reconvening on March 7, one encouraging act was the acceptance by the Senate Committee on Transportation of amendments submitted by the Federation to SB 1177, deleting the objectionable features of the Financial Responsibility Act and placing the responsibility for carrying insurance, etc., on the owners of trucks instead of upon the drivers, as was originally called for. As amended, the act will be much more equitable and workable.

The "hot cargo" act, SB 1066, by Hatfield, which has been amended once, is scheduled for initial consideration by the Senate Committee on Labor on March 24 at 9 a.m. Senator Hatfield, sponsor of the "hot cargo" bill, had arranged for the consideration of several other bills on the same day, but he quickly eliminated these other measures from the Committee's agenda, as he is apparently intent upon concentrating all his attention on SB 1066.

On March 9, on the floor of the Senate, Senator Hatfield withdrew the bill from the Committee to strike out of its provisions the right accorded to labor of asserting a "certain degree of economic pressure." The bill was further amended to not permit even sympathetic strikes related to similar occupations, and to make the broadest conceivable definition of secondary picketing. Under this proposed legislation, secondary picketing would include "causing, creating, instituting or carrying out" a sympathetic picket line.

The principal activity of the Assembly has been the recommendation of child care center bills.

The following bills will be heard in the Assembly Industrial Relations Committee on Thursday, March 17, at 8 p.m.:

AB 310 (Price). Requires that all pertinent data in regard to industrial injuries, which are in the hands of an employer, shall be made available to any private physician consulted by an employee, without cost to the employee.

AB 379 (Maloney). Requires that every employment agency acting as labor contractors shall pay a license fee of \$25, instead of \$10.

Next week, on March 24 at 8 p.m., the Assembly Industrial Relations Committee will conduct hearings on the following bills:

*AB 185 (Beck), Federation bill. Requires the Industrial Accident Commission to add to an award for compensation a reasonable attorney's fee. It also provides that when an injured employee wins an appeal from an award of the Commission, the Commission shall make a supplementary award to cover the attorney's fee in connection with the appeal. The fees are to be paid not by the employee but by the one liable to pay the award. The companion measure to this bill is *SB 141.

*AB 186 (Beck), Federation bill. Provides that in third party suits dealing with workmen's compensation, when brought by the employer alone, the attorney's fee shall not be deducted from the amount due the employee. The companion measure is *SB 140.

*AB 187 (Beck), Federation bill. Provides that in third party suits dealing with workmen's compensation brought by the employee alone, the court shall determine the attorney's fees payable to the employee's attorneys, which are to be deducted from the employer's portion.

*AB 191 (R. C. Dills), Federation bill. Provides for the appointment by the Industrial Accident Commission of a medical director and assistants for the Industrial Accident Commission.

*AB 258 (Caldecott et al), Federation bill. Doubles the allowance for funeral expenses in workmen's compensation cases from \$300 to \$600.

*AB 311 (McCollister), Federation bill. Removes time limit within which an employee may initiate proceedings to secure medical treatment.

*AB 324 (Bennett), Federation bill. Limits deductions from an individual's workmen's compensation to amounts actually received from federal or state funds.

*AB 413 (Brown et al), Federation bill. Provides that interest is payable on the awards of the Industrial Accident Commission from the date the amount should have been paid instead of from the date of the award.

*AB 424 (McCarthy, Rumford and Beck), Federation bill. Prevents disability indemnity from being deducted from the death benefit and requires it to be paid in addition to the death benefit when the disability resulting in death occurs after the effective date of this amendment, if adopted.

AB 1062 (Condon). Provides for award of attorney's fee to employee or dependent gaining favorable decision from Industrial Accident Commission.

AB 2328 (Rosenthal). Provides that the Industrial Accident Commission may adopt a schedule of fees to be paid for medical, surgical or hospital treatment under workmen's compensation.

AB 2647 (Condon). Provides for payment from subsequent injuries fund under workmen's compensation.

AB 2673 (Fleury and Moss). Insures retroactive provisions for subsequent injuries under workmen's compensation.

AB 2870 (Coats). Provides for 6 percent interest payments for delayed awards under workmen's compensation.

AB 2890 (Meyers). Increases maximum weeks to 400 during which disabled employee may secure 65 percent of customary earnings.

AB 2907 (Condon). Introduces procedure for securing employer contributions into subsequent injuries fund.

Hearings on AB 189 (Evans), which provides that every person who is in any way responsible for causing malicious injury to railroad property is guilty of a misdemeanor, and AB 190 (Evans), which provides that every person now deemed guilty of a misdemeanor in trespassing upon railroad equipment would be likewise guilty if he attached himself to any locomotive, which were scheduled by the Assembly Committee on Judiciary for March 14, have been postponed to March 21 at 8 p.m. These bills have been amended by their author.

*Bills sponsored by the California State Federation of Labor.

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RUSKIN COLLEGE LABOR SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The Transatlantic Foundation is again awarding scholarships for Ruskin College in Oxford, England. This is the famous college established many years ago for workers' education. Students there will have a valuable opportunity to review the achievements of the labor movement throughout the world and to see at first hand the successes and problems of the British Labor Government.

Scholarships are for 200 pounds each (\$800) which covers tuition, room and board at Oxford and leaves 75 pounds for personal use. Each person selected will be responsible for transportation to and from England. Members of the American labor movement between the ages of 20 and 35 who show promise of development as leaders in the labor movement and who show talent for further study in the field are eligible.

Applications may be obtained from Harold Taylor, Chairman,
Committee on Ruskin College Labor Scholarships, 2 West 45th Street,
New York 19, New York.

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WRITE CONGRESSMEN IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 2032,
REPEAL OF THE TAFT-HARTLEY ACT

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--In spite of the filibuster that is going on, the House Committee on Education and Labor is considering H.R. 2032, by Representative Lesinski, companion measure to S. 249, by Senator Thomas, which seeks to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act, and is the measure which labor is supporting.

It is vitally important that the affiliated organizations wire their Representatives to support H.R. 2032, as well as wire the members of the House Committee on Education and Labor, urging them to report this measure out favorably.

The pressure which Congress has been subjected to from the anti-labor employers of this country was reported in a previous issue of the News Letter. Unless labor matches this pressure and counters it, it is quite possible that the Taft-Hartley Act will remain on the statutes.

Support for H.R. 2032 should be obtained from individual members of organizations as well as their friends. The larger the amount of mail that is sent to Washington the greater are our chances for success in our fight to get the Taft-Hartley Act repealed.

House Committee on Education and Labor:

John Lesinski, of Michigan, Chairman (D)
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