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ASSEMBLY MUST STOP "HOT CARGO" BILL

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The rural representatives of California's valleys, farms, and mountains for a third time fastened their most restrictive piece of labor legislation on the working people of this state as SB 1066 (the anti-"hot cargo" and secondary boycott bill) passed the Senate on March 31 by a vote of 27 to 10.

DO IT TODAY!

The "hot cargo" measure, SB 1066, must not pass the Assembly. Write your Assemblyman. Let him know that the people in his district are unanimously opposed to this vicious measure. Do it today. A letter takes only a minute. It can mean a vote.

Unqualifiedly opposed to the bill, in addition to Senators O'Gara of San Francisco and Keating of Marin, were Miller (Contra Costa), who also spoke with great persuasiveness, Coombs (Napa and Yolo), Gibson (Solano), Jespersen (San Luis Obispo), Kraft (San Diego), Johnson (Placer, Sierra and Nevada), Mayo (Calaveras, Tuolumne and Mariposa), and Swing (San Bernardino).

The pretense of acting in the public interest was dropped by Senator Hatfield, when he admitted that he had knowledge of only a single strike which involved "hot cargo" since the 1947 measure was thrown out by the Supreme Court. Nevertheless, he held, this single instance provided full and ample reason for endeavoring to reenact the law to crush the labor movement.

Due to the grossly unfair and totally unrepresentative apportionment of seats in the State Senate, a group of legislators representing slightly less than 3,700,000 residents of California out of a total of 10 million, secured the overwhelming and hasty passage of this anti-labor bill through the upper chamber.

SB 1066 comes before the Assembly Committee on Industrial Relations for hearing on April 28. In the interests of successful, functioning democratic government, all members and friends of organized labor should immediately appeal to the members of the Assembly to rectify the drastic action of the Senate.

Write to your own Assemblyman and to Carl Fletcher, Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Industrial Relations, c/o State Capitol, Sacramento.

Other members of this committee are Assemblymen:

Berry	Collier	Hollibaugh
Burke	Elliott	Lewis
Condon	Kirkwood	Levering
Conrad	Maloney	Rosenthal

Those 22 courageous Assemblymen who, in 1947, opposed the "hot cargo" and secondary boycott legislation, should be commended by letter and urged again to oppose the vicious and unconstitutional threat to a free labor movement embodied in SB 1066.

These 22 Assemblymen are:

Dickey, Floor Leader and Chairman of the Rules Committee,
(Alameda)
Caldecott (Alameda)
Dunn (Alameda)
Crowley (Solano, Napa and Lake)
Anderson (Hawthorne, Los Angeles, 46)
Bennett (Los Angeles, 51)
Clayton A. Dills (Gardena, Los Angeles, 67)
Doyle (Los Angeles, 45)
Elliott (Los Angeles, 44)
Evans (Los Angeles, 65)
Fletcher (Long Beach, Los Angeles, 71)
Hawkins (Los Angeles, 62)
Hollibaugh (Huntington Park, Los Angeles, 52)
Kilpatrick (Los Angeles, 55)

McMillan (Los Angeles, 61)
Rosenthal (Los Angeles, 40)
Thomas (San Pedro, Los Angeles, 68)
Maloney (San Francisco)
Berry (San Francisco)
Brady (San Francisco)
George D. Collins (San Francisco)
Gaffney (San Francisco)

The following Assemblymen have been newly elected this year and should be urged to show their faith in the labor movement by opposing SB 1066:

H. K. Levering (L. A. 60)	L. H. "Abe" Lincoln (Alameda)
G. D. Morris (L. A. 63)	
G. P. Lipscomb (L. A. 56)	W. B. Rumford (Alameda)
B. V. Reagan (Pasadena, L. A. 48)	A. W. Way (Del Norte, Humboldt and Mendocino)
H. A. Smith (Glendale, L. A. 43)	A. H. Connolly, Jr. (S.F.)
J. E. Moss, Jr. (Sacramento)	C. W. Meyers (S.F.)
G. A. Fleury (Sacramento)	R. I. McCarthy (S.F.)
J. D. Babbage (Riverside)	F. C. Lindsay (Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, Amador, Calaveras, Alpine, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Mono and Inyo)
A. W. Coats, Jr. (Butte, Yuba and Sutter)	
R. L. Condon (Contra Costa)	
H. Hagen (Kings and Tulare)	
V. W. Hoffman (San Joaquin)	
S. T. Tomlinson (Santa Barbara)	
J. C. Lewis (Kern)	

In writing your Assemblyman, stress the fact, brought out by Senator Hatfield, that only one "hot cargo" strike has occurred since the lapse of the previous "hot cargo" law. Point out that three successive Attorney Generals have termed the measure unconstitutional. Remember that this bill would strike a death blow at multiple employer agreements, which have formed the basis for stable industrial relations in California.

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WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILLS PASS ASSEMBLY

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The Federation Bill, AB 185 (Beck), requiring the Industrial Accident Commission to add to an award for compensation a reasonable attorney's fee, passed the Assembly on Monday, April 4, by a vote of 55 to 7. This measure 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. Those opposing AB 185 were Butters, Erwin, Hoffman, Levering, Lindsay, Smith and Tomlinson.

Also advancing to the Senate, after only one opposition vote, by Butters, recorded in the Assembly, was another Federation Bill, AB 187 (Beck), providing 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.

Federation Bill AB 258 also passed the Assembly unanimously. It increases reasonable burial expenses of an employee to \$600, instead of the present \$300, under Workmen's Compensation.

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LABOR BILLS SCHEDULED FOR HEARING

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The following bills are scheduled for hearings on April 14 before the Senate Committee on Labor, H. R. Judah of Santa Cruz, Chairman:

SB 139 (Federation Bill), similar to AB 187, already passed by the Assembly and dealing with attorney's fees in Workmen's Compensation cases.

AB 159, dealing with the housing provisions of the Labor Code.

AB 379, increasing the license fees for private employment agencies.

The following bills are scheduled for hearings on April 14 before the Assembly Industrial Relations Committee, Carl Fletcher of Long Beach, Chairman:

AB 21, providing for the financing of mass residential housing for veterans.

AB 995 and 996, limiting fees charged by private employment agencies.

AB 1343, dealing with safety in the motion picture industry.

AB 1616, dealing with unemployment insurance benefits to individuals involved in a trade dispute.

AB 2831, dealing with employment agencies in the motion picture industry.

AB 2832, providing for ventilating fans where motion pictures are produced.

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TAFT-HARTLEY REPEAL TO REACH HOUSE FLOOR SOON

(CFLNL).--SAN FRANCISCO. Chairman Lesinski of the House of Representatives' Committee on Education and Labor is seeking to bring to the House floor HR 2032 providing for the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and the reenactment of the Wagner Act with certain amendments. Lesinski is hoping to bring the bill up for debate and passage in the House this week.

If you haven't already written your Congressman to support this measure, do it now. If you have, write him again. Show him you really mean it.

The rising trend of unemployment now evident will make it increasingly easy for employers to take advantage of the anti-labor provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act and thus engage in a real union-busting campaign. Furthermore, the renegotiation of most union agreements during the next couple of months will be seriously hampered by delay in passing the Taft-Hartley repeal bill.

The Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, Elbert Thomas of Utah, Chairman, has reported out S 249, which also provides for the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act. Urge Senator Thomas to speed action on this bill and urge Senators Downey and Knowland to support it.